



## THE SUNDAY MESSAGE


### OUR DREAM

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These notes provide some ideas to reflect upon about what we are to achieve in this life.


Last week these notes looked at our calling. For example Boyd, Luke & Tim each have had a call from God to serve the Body full-time as ministers in the church. Each of them also has a dream from God. In Luke's case the dream he had 30 years ago has been fulfilled: to build a church with 1,000 members meeting on a site with a school, Bible school, Kindy, bookstore etc. Luke's dream has since been enlarged. This week we share some thoughts on the dream God has given us as part of this series focused upon building a legacy for the future.

*How do I know I have a dream from God?*

 **Jeremiah 29:11** and **Psalms 40:5**

Just for clarity, we are not talking about dreams in the night but rather we are talking about the dream we carry in our heart to achieve something significant in our lifetime. The starting place is to acknowledge that God gives each of us a passion to satisfy. This dream burns inside us and won't go away unless we set about to deny and destroy it. If God has a plan for us surely that means there is a dream inside of us which will fulfil the plan. The cornerstone scripture for our church speaks of life and hope.

*How do I discover my dream?*

 **Exodus 24:13 & 33:11** and **Deuteronomy 34:9**

Many people have written and taught about this in recent years. In four lines here is some of the wisdom:

Believe you carry a dream; desire to discover your dream (pursue it, seek it); look at what stirs you up in such a way you want to do something about it (not like grumbling or expecting someone else should do something) – this is a clue; find a leader pursuing a dream and serve that leader's dream until you identify your own; spend time learning how you hear the voice of God each day; become hungry for more intimacy with Him.

*Where do I start to fulfil my dream?*

 Look at the classic example of leaving a comfort zone: **Genesis 12:1-9** & **Hebrews 11:8-12**

The starting place is leaving. We must choose to leave our comfort zones. *"A comfort zone is our cosy quilt of relationships. It's the padding of routines that makes us feel good. It's the security fence of acceptable behaviour. Our comfort zone completely surrounds our life. Inside our comfort zone we feel safe. We're pretty sure we can succeed, look good and feel happy there. Outside, well who knows? Outside everyone's comfort zone lies the great unknown. That's why we don't want to go out there. Now, there's nothing wrong with a comfort zone. After all, no one likes danger and uncertainty. No one signs up for discomfort. Yet a comfort zone can be a barrier too. Why? Because our dream always lies outside our comfort zone."*<sup>i</sup>

## NEXT STEPS

If you think you were born for something greater than what you are currently living then it is time to start training yourself to prepare to leave your comfort zone.

Invest in your dream by reading related Christian books like [Halftime](#) by Bob Buford. In this book he talks about the desire to move from success in life to significance in life. His [website](#) has many encourage testimonies and advice.

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### Dying for .....?

Someone reflected about the loss of soldiers in Afghanistan as they pursue a cause to win a very difficult victory. The person wondered if a greater tragedy is that so many people in our country are living and dying for no cause. They were saying it is so sad that people give their life for nothing lasting.

Sobering thoughts. We are all engaged in a battle which is spiritual and sometimes it becomes obvious in the physical world. The dream inside of us gives us a cause to live and die for. It will have eternally lasting consequences. It may be something that helps one person or a few people or perhaps thousands. What matters is that our God given dream is being fulfilled.

What am I living and dying for?

<sup>i</sup> [The Dream Giver](#) p88-89 Bruce Wilkinson