



God's Grace Embedded in Dreams

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Revealing Jesus and His heart for everyone to experience healing, health and wholeness.



Introduction

This workshop will go over some concepts and tools that will deepen your understanding of the language of dreams, enhance your ability to steward your encounters with God, strengthen others to live out their destiny, and increase your passion for seeing Jesus (His heart, His words, His ways) as you interpret dreams with Holy Spirit.



Agenda

- Definitions
- Relationship
- Scriptural Examples
- Rest
- Concepts
- Interpretation Guardrails



Definitions

- A Dream is a physiologically and psychologically conscious state that occurs during sleep and is often characterized by a rich array of endogenous sensory, motor, emotional, and other experiences. Dreams occur most often, but by no means exclusively, during periods of REM sleep. (APA Dictionary of Psychology)
- Language: 1) The principal method of human communication, consisting of words used in a structured and conventional way and conveyed by speech, writing, or gesture. 2) A system of communication used by a particular country or community. (Oxford)
- *What is language in culture:* Language is intrinsic to the expression of culture. As a means of communicating values, beliefs and customs, it has an important social function and fosters feelings of group identity and solidarity. It is the means by which culture and its traditions and shared values may be conveyed and preserved.



Relationship

- Holy Spirit is the current representative of the Godhead in the earth today. We are standing in the last days, which are marked by an outpouring of God's Spirit.
- The outpouring of Holy Spirit includes prophecy (testimony of Jesus) through dreams and visions, which are available for everyone (Acts 2:14-21 KJV, 1 Corinthians 12:10 KJV)
- God uses dreams as a catalyst to awaken and revitalize a sensitivity and hunger within us for Holy Spirit and the testimony of Jesus.
- God uses parabolic language embedded in dreams for the advancement of His Kingdom.



Relationship

- Parables are narratives/stories that have depths of meanings and truths.
- Jesus' preferred teaching method was to use parables, not to hide truths, but to prepare the student for truths.
- God sometimes delivers messages in a parable or in a parabolic format where He utilizes Images (I) and Context (C) that already have meaning in our conscious and subconscious minds. He utilizes parabolic ICs to help our minds see things from heaven's perspective. He utilizes this type of language to spark our interest to want to know more about Him. (**Matthew 13:10 - 16 KJV**)



Relationship

- God wants you to engage with you relationally. He wants to be a closer than an intimate friend. Close friends spend time together. Intimate friends get to know what's on each other's heart. Close intimate friends grow to trust each other. God wants you to trust Him.
- The bible says it's the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter (Proverbs 25:2).



Scriptural Examples

Job 33:14-15 (NLT)

For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds.

The Book of Genesis recounts several stories that involve dreams:

- Abimelech has a dream that he needs to return Abraham's wife which results in Abraham praying for the healing of his household. This is the first mention of healing in the bible, a taste of what would be a hallmark of Jesus' ministry. Matthew 4:24 (He healed them all)
- Jacob sees a ladder with angels ascending and descending while he is on the run from Esau which led to him recognizing his need for God. In Matthew we have record of Jesus telling Nathaniel that he would see angels descending and ascending on the Son of Man – declaring that He is Jacob's Ladder – the way to God.



Scriptural Examples

- Jacob dreams of ringstraked, speckled cattle to fund his restoration and return home.
- Laban is warned by God in a dream not to harm Jacob
- Joseph dreams of his ascension to a place of influence and even his family recognized it.
- Pharaoh's steward and baker dreams of their separate fates & Joseph interprets their dreams.
- Pharaoh dreams about years of plenty and famine that Joseph interpreted and was given the wisdom to implement a solution that saved nations. Joseph is type of Jesus (Joseph would save his family from destruction much like Jesus who is saving all who believe from destruction)



Scriptural Examples

- The dream and interpretation from the mouths of Midianites and Amalekites that came out to war against Israel strengthened Gideon to go to war and overcome Israel's enemies.
- Daniel and his friends were given interpretation of the Nebuchadnezzar's dream in community which saved their lives and many others.
- Daniel later interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream that foretold of him being judged for pride.
- Daniel had a dream about future events and the majesty of the Lord Jesus' reign.



Scriptural Examples

The New Testament starts out with five (5) God inspired dreams regarding Jesus

- As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a **dream**. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus,^[1] for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20 NLT)
- When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a **dream** not to return to Herod. (Matthew 2:12 NLT)
- After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a **dream**. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” (Matthew 2:13 NLT)
- When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a **dream** to Joseph in Egypt. ²⁰ “Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” (Matthew 2:19 NLT)
- But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod’s son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a **dream**, he left for the region of Galilee. (Matthew 2:22 NLT)



Rest

- Psalm 127:1 & 2 (NIV) - Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- In the book of Genesis, Day starts in the evening, not in the morning. The Jewish day starts at 6pm in the evening at the time we associate with beginning to rest.
- We were made to rest first and out of the overflow of rest we work, we give, we bring solutions to issues.
- God gave man his perfect companion (woman) when man was resting.
- Honor the cycles of rest that God has instituted
- Value going to bed to get solutions to issues

Physiological benefits of rest:

- Improves your memory by restructuring the brain cells
- Live longer
- Reduces inflammation
- Spurs creativity
- Increases your competitive effectiveness
- Sharpens your attention span
- Helps you maintain a healthy weight
- Lowers stress
- Helps you avoid accidents

If necessary, shift your attitude about the night season. **God speaks to us in the night season**



Concepts

Dream Components

- Content - Literal and/or Metaphorical
- Interpretative Summary – Organizing the Content
- Application - How do you partner with God? When things are exposed there's grace for new truths.

Lens of Interpretation

- Lens of Holy Spirit
- Lens of emotion (your primary emotion experienced in the dream)
- Lens of your life & cultural experiences
- Lens of the interpreter's life & cultural experiences



Concepts

Types of Dreams

- Spirit Based
 - God inspired
 - demonically inspired
- Soul Based
- Body Based



Interpretation Guardrails

- Everyone dreams even though they may not recall their dreams.
- Dream interpretation is like connecting the dots of a picture with Holy Spirit
- Most of time (90% or more) your dreams are about you
- People, places, names, colors, objects, animal, insects, birds, feelings during the dream help identify the subject and message of the dream, they are all excellent pointers.
- Is the interpretation in line with the words of Christ?
- If the interpretation is corrective, is it free of condemnation (James 2:17)?



Interpretation Guardrails

- If the interpretation is about future events/places/people/things is it encouraging and does it give you hope (Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 14:3)?
- Is there an inward knowing that the interpretation is truth (John 14:26, 1 John 2:20, 27)?
- Does the interpretation agree with what God has been saying to you through other avenues of guidance e.g. prayer, the bible, ministries, counselors, your passions, friends, family, mentors, etc?
- It is important to remember that there is no formula for interpreting dreams. **It is more about cultivating a relationship with Holy Spirit than applying a series of rules for interpreting.** Remember the Holy Spirit is the Interpreter of dreams.



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