



**Dreaming the Future God Wants for You
Time to Dream
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Goals for “Time to Dream”:

- **To prepare you for your future so you don’t waste it.**

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV) God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

- **To prepare us for our future together as a church family.**

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NCV) Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body.

- **To help each of us discover our unique role & contribution.**

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB) God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.

What Is a Dream?

- **The thoughts & images you have while sleeping**
- **The desires & ambitions you have while awake**
- **The goals & plans God created you to fulfill**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

2 Thoughts about God’s Dreams:

- **God’s dream for your life is far bigger than your dreams.**

Ephesians 3:20 (MSG) God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.

- **When you follow God’s dream, He arranges the circumstances.**

Revelation 3:7 (CEV) When I open a door, no one can close it. And when I close a door, no one can open it.

10 Biblical Reasons Why You Must Know God’s Dream for Your Life:

- **God gave me the capacity to dream.**

Genesis 1:26 (NCV) Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image and likeness."

- **Without a dream, I am dying.**

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) Where there is no vision, the people perish.

- **Everything starts with a dream.**

Ephesians 1:18 (TLB) I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future God has called you to share.

- **A dream shows me what God wants to do through me.**

Genesis 41:32 (NCV) Joseph told Pharaoh, "You had two dreams which mean the same thing. This shows that God has firmly decided that this will happen, and He will make it happen soon."

- **My dreams define me.**

Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV) The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.

- **A dream keeps me growing.**

Philippians 3:12-15 (CEV) I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. ¹³ My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. ¹⁴ I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should think in this same way.

- **A dream focuses my energy.**

1 Corinthians 9:26 (TLB) I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I'm not like some boxer punching the air or playing around.

- **A dream stretches my faith.**

- **A dream keeps me going in tough times.**

Job 6:11 (NLT) I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on.

- **God-given dreams are a gift from the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2:17-18 (NLT) 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out My Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will pour out My Spirit even on My servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.'