

From
Disappointment
to a

God Inspired Dream

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Session One - Dreams

Dreams are about:

- Possibilities
- Passions
- What GOD wants done through YOU!

“When your memories exceed your dreams, the end is near.” – Andy Stanley

“A dream as a compelling awareness of something that could be, or should be, with a growing sense of responsibility to do something about it.” – Steve Moore

“A dream is a precious, exciting thing that carries you forward from day to day; a goal down the way that keeps you on the straight road to get there, looking neither to the right nor to the left; a purpose just for you alone, exhilarating enough to give you momentum for a long time to come.” – Anne Ortlund

“A dream is the difference you want to make in your lifetime.” – Bruce Wilkinson

What is your one word for 2013?

5 Stages of a Dream – Steve Moore

1. Hearing God – Hearing His Whispers
2. Identifying the Dream
3. Planning the Dream
4. Doing the Dream
5. Realizing the Dream

“Combining the right ideas and the right actions over the right period of time will enable you to realize your dream.” – Steve Moore

7 Things that are typically true of a life dream – Bobb Biehl

1. Your life dream will be born of a deep and profound desire to meet a need you see, feel, or experience.
2. Your life dream will be consistent with your single greatest strength.
3. It will be consistent with your values.
4. Your dream will not make sense to or motivate some people at all.
5. Your life dream will define the significant difference you want to make.
6. It will be unlimited.
7. Your life dream will be an ever-present reward system!

Session Two - Whispers

The Truths of a Whisper

- Must listen carefully
- Lean in
- Requires full engagement
- Best heard if quiet

“Speak Lord for your servant hears.” – I Samuel 3:10

FOCUS

“To thrive in this world will require of us a new skill. Not drive, not sheer intelligence, not creativity, but focus. Today you must excel at filtering the world. You must be able to cut through the clutter and zero in on emotions, or facts, or events that really matter. You must learn to distinguish between what is merely important and what is imperative. You must learn to place less value on all that you can remember and more on those few things that you must never forget.” – Marcus Buckingham

What are some of the things that we must NEVER forget?

- God knew me and fashioned me before I was conceived and ordained me for a great purpose.
“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.” – Psalm 139:13-15

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” – Jeremiah 1:5
- In order for me to discover, understand and live out the purpose for which I have been created, I must place my faith and trust in Jesus Christ and HIS finished work on the cross. It is God’s grace through faith, not of my works that I am saved.
“For by grace you have been saved through faith, it is not of yourselves it is a gift from GOD, not of works should any man boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9
- In order for me to hear God, I must KNOW Him. The only way I know Him is by spending time in His Word. In order to hear Him I must turn down the ambient noise and lean into His bosom and put my ear to his heart.
“Be still and know that I am GOD.” – Psalm 46:10
- Because I have been created for good works, which have been prepared for me beforehand, I will seek to understand more fully my purpose in order to do the work that I have been created to do in my lifetime.
“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” – Ephesians 2:10

“I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You have given Me to do.” – John 17:4

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” – Philippians 3:12
- Jesus speaks – Can you hear? Are you listening? Will you obey?
“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” – John 10:27

A Focus on Spiritual Disciplines Requires Understanding and Practice

Practicing Christ's Presence (PCP)

Inward Disciplines	Outward Disciplines	Corporate Disciplines
Meditation – The ability to hear God's voice and obey His Word	Simplicity – Re-centering ourselves on the reality that all we have is from God and then making resources available to those who need them	Confession – Claiming Christ's redemption by admitting to God and to others one's sin
Prayer – Communicating with God so that you can be aligned with His will	Solitude – The experience of inner fulfillment whether alone or in a crowd (as opposed to loneliness which is inner emptiness)	Worship – To know, to feel and to experience the resurrected Christ in the midst of a gathered community
Fasting – Abstaining from food or other necessities for spiritual purposes	Submission – The ability to lay down the terrible burden to always needing to get one's own way	Guidance – The ability to receive knowledge of the direct, active and immediate leading of the Holy Spirit
Study – Renewing the mind so that old destructive habits are replaced with new, life giving ones	Service – The practice of radical self-denial in favor of meeting another's need	Celebration – Embodying a joyful spirit of festivity in daily life because of all that Jesus Christ has done for humankind

Taken from Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*

Hearing God's Voice

1. Make space to listen – Find your place

“When I found my place to think, my thoughts found a place in me.” – John Maxwell

2. Turn down the ambient noise – TV, radio, Internet, phones

3. Give GOD the best hours of your day. When are you at your very best? What are your morning and evening reflections?

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.” – Psalms 92:1-2

4. Fill your heart with God's Word by Mediating and Scribing

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:8-9

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.” – Psalms 1:2

5. Copy the Scriptures – Scribing

“Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.” – Deuteronomy 17:18-20

5 Questions that will help you discern God's Whisper – Bill Hybels

1. Is it from God?

Is it consistent with His character?

2. Is it Biblical?

Is it consistent with scripture?

3. The Wisdom Test

Is this what wise people do? Read the book of Proverbs.

4. The Wiring Test.

Does this prompting match my wiring? God's whispers are consistent with our DNA. High adventure often requires high risk.

5. Trusted Friends Test.

Would the people I know sign off on this idea? Will God speak through my friends and confirm my thoughts? In the abundance of counselors there is great wisdom.

What Now?

Take whispers seriously – purpose to never miss hearing GOD and say YES, NOW!

- Find Your Place – Protect it
- Read and Meditate on the Word of God – Scribe it
- Read Great Books – Read It
- Find Other Dreamers – Do it
Commit to new conversations. Join Engage or Dinner Club from January to May.

GET READY to listen and obey!

Read the Saddleback Personal Declaration (next page) and make it your own.

Personal Declaration

Saddleback Church – Pastor Rick Warren

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling and I'm finished with wavering; I've made my choice, the verdict is in and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now!

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate His character, participate in His family, demonstrate His love, and communicate His word.

Since my past has been forgiven and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead, I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of His family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth, "we" over "me," character over comfort, service over status, and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems debilitated by temptation or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal, not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough, and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven and mission-focused so I cannot be bought, I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything that God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say: However, Whenever, Wherever, and Whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is yes! Wherever you lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Anyway.

Whatever it takes Lord; Whatever it takes! I want to be used by you in such a way, that on that final day I'll hear you say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

Session Three - Plans

Wisdom

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” – James 3:17

“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” – Proverbs 16:9

Whisper Grid

What Now?

Will YOU?

- Surrender your plans
- Open your hands
- Obey

ANTICIPATE Something Great and then Pursue GOD Wholeheartedly!

John 10:27 – My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Suggested Resources

4:8 Principle
7 Habits of Highly Effective People
9 Things You Simply Must Do
40 Day Journey to a Joy Filled Life
Celebration of Discipline
Chazown: Define Your Vision. Pursue Your Passion. Live Your Life on Purpose
Cure for the Common Life
Dream Energy
Don't Waste Your Life
Enemies of the Heart
Grace Walk
Great by Choice
Greater
Necessary Endings
Organization from the Inside Out
Spiritual Rhythm
StrengthsFinder 2.0
Success is Not an Accident
The Dream Cycle
The Dream Giver
The One Thing You Need to Know about Great Managing, Great Leading and Sustained Individual Success

The PAPA Prayer
The Power of a Whisper
The Rest of God
Time Management from the Inside Out
Your Life in Rhythm

Tommy Newberry
Steven Covey
Henry Cloud
Tommy Newberry
Richard Foster
Craig Groeschel
Max Lucado
Bobb Biehl
John Piper
Andy Stanley
Steve McVey
Jim Collins
Steven Furtick
Henry Cloud
Julie Morganstern
Mark Buchanan
Tom Rath
Tommy Newberry
Steve Moore
Bruce Wilkinson
Marcus Buckingham
Larry Crabb
Bill Hybels
Mark Buchanan
Julie Morganstern
Bruce Miller



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V19 - I want my focus to be on
 Shaven - Made Nothing an idol
 - Appetites
 - Personal glory

V20 - Eagerly Waiting for My Savior
 - Every day I wonder -
 Will today Be the day of
 Jesus Return.

May 21, 2011 - B. Abigail Loring
 Day Saic Today is on the Day -
 A Reminder the day will come and
 I want to Be Ready.

Trans form Our Bodies -
 Make a through or dramatic
 change in the form, appearance,
 character

Con form - be similar in form or
 type - Word - to their I will
 one day be like Jesus - like a
 day that will be.

My Eternal Home - My Citizenship
 v1 Itaken -

Lord Jesus I eagerly and wait your return
 for you to take and transform my
 body and conform me into your
 Image -
 Maybe Today!

V19 - whose end is destruction,
 whose spoil is their belly, and
 whose glory is in their shame -
 who set their mind on earthly
 things.

V20 - for our citizenship is in heaven
 from where we also eagerly
 wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ who will transform our
 lowly body that it may be
conformed to his glorious body.
According to the will by which
 He is able even to subdue all
 things to Himself

May 23, 2011

→ May 21 was predicted to be the
 day the Lord would return - Normal
 known the time on the hour so we are
 still here - But I Eagerly wait to
 Be Transformed into his likeness -
 Maybe Today!

A record of my leaving from Philadelphia
Philadelphia 1-4

- I will seek to understand -
- Service to others with disregard for myself - *Oh God help me!*

- thankfulness in all things

- Pray for everything

• Love and belonging - I am in Christ and am called his beloved.

• Believers - help me not be afraid to confront -

• My pastor and my staff in order to share it with others

• Magnify Christ in all I do.

• Long for my eternal home

• Seek to live a life that is set apart and free

• Not be afraid of my enemies

• Always praise the name of Christ and all who would serve us?

• What would Jesus think?

• What would Jesus say?

• Or humbler, fully devoted & true heart others

• Do all things without complaint or deceit

• Encourage others

• Praise my character

• Or trustworthiness

• Long for others

• Reprice

• Believer of Eric Dorn - Believers

• seek to know Him

• Be conformed to His Death

• Piers but in difficult times and with difficult people.

• Forget what is behind

• Press on

• Seek to know the Wonders of God

• Walk in unity

• eagerly waiting for Christ's return

• will be conformed to the world

• seek to live a transformed life

• Reprice always

• Be gentle to all men

• Be diligent for nothing

• Pray for everything

• Beg God for answers

• seek Peace and Praise to

• Thank on things that are true, honest, noble, good reports, things that are praiseworthy

• Be an example to others on how to live life well.

• seek others to help me in times of distress

• Focus always on my life being a sweet melody aroma of Christ

• Trust and Praise in all things

• Always share God the glory -

• Amen and Amen!

Amen and Amen!

My Current Goals	Questions I Have of God	God's Whispers/Date	People I Need to Help ME
<p>(God Ordained Activity for Life) Spiritual Growth Specific Measurable Agreed- Upon Realistic Time Activated</p>	<p>How do I grow spiritually? When do I find time to spend in the Word? Where do I begin? Why don't I feel different when I have my devotions? Who can help me grow? What books, seminars, messages will speak life into my heart? Who is where I want to be that I can learn from?</p>		
<p>(God Ordained Activity for Life) Financially Free Specific Measurable Agreed- Upon Realistic Time Activated</p>	<p>How can I be free when I don't make enough money to cover my current expenses? Where can I reduce my spending? Is there additional work that is available? Are there "luxuries" that are currently in my budget that need to be released? What activities need to be put aside for now? How is this communicated to the family/children? What should I be giving away? What would I do if I had more money?</p>		
<p>(God Ordained Activity for Life) Work Specific Measurable Agreed- Upon Realistic Time Activated</p>	<p>How can I get home earlier? What do I need to understand as it relates to tasks accomplished in a certain period of time? How do handle a difficult co-worker? Is there additional ways that I can add to my income through my current position? Is this a job that will add benefit to my bigger picture of my family and personal goals? Who do need to talk to?</p>		
<p>(God Ordained Activity for Life) Physical Lose Weight Specific Measurable Agreed- Upon Realistic Time Activated</p>	<p>What must I do to be successful in my weight lose? Do I need to see a doctor? Is there someone I know and respect who can help me? Who can help me understand what is necessary? What do I need to read? What exercises can I do every day that will bring personal benefit? What do I need to eat to replace the foods that are my problem foods?</p>		

**(God Ordained Activity for Life)
Family Relationships**

Specific
Measurable
Agreed- Upon
Realistic
Time Activated

Marriage – How do we connect emotionally, physically, and spiritually?
How do we understand how to communicate without hurting each other? Who can help us?
What can we do together that is fun?

Children – How do we train the children to be respectful? How do we talk to them about their friends? What will we allow as far as time on games, internet, texting etc.?
What can we do together that is fun?

School – What are the educational concerns of the children?

Who needs help now/later?

How will I find time or resources to provide the necessary help?

Do we need to look at a new option for school for next year? If so, what would be realistic options?

Who can help?

What questions do we need to ask?

How do we handle deadlines for enrollment?

Extended – How do we set boundaries on outside family members?

How do I share my concerns on his/ her family?

Are there things I need to be more sensitive to?

Who I need to move closer or further away from?

What can we do together that is fun?

Vacation – Where can we go that will be fun for ALL?

Can the children bring a friend?

What funds need to be set aside now?

Who does what, when?

What can be done to make special memories?

What would be a 10 for all?

College – What assessments need to be made?

(Passion, gifts, talents, spiritual inventory)

What funds are required now/later?

What is the best fit for the child/family?

Will additional work be required for parent/student? If so, where?

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Personal Growth Environments from Legacy Principles



For Women

Dinner Club Conversations offers women an opportunity to establish relationships with other women who share the same season or station in life. Dinner Club meets once a month from September through May. Women meet for dinner, fellowship, instruction, and prayer. The event is offered at two locations: First Presbyterian Church of Orlando and Metro Church in Winter Springs. Each month Linda shares truths from the Word of God as well as practical application for personal growth.



For Men

Engage is a new monthly environment for men that launches in January 2013. Engage will be held at two locations: Thursdays at Metro Church in Winter Springs and Fridays at Calvary Assembly Church in Winter Park. In our time together we will look to the scriptures for insight related to our roles as men, discuss how it applies to us, and leave with practical steps to implement the truth into our lives. Coffee and breakfast will be available beginning at 6:30am. The event begins at 7:00am and ends promptly at 8:00am.

Learn more about these environments at legacyprinciples.com.

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