Week 2: Dreaming with God

WEEK 2 OBJECTIVES

od is in a great mood, and He wants to help you fulfill your heart desires. This week you will focus on dreaming with God. What are some of your long lost dreams? This week will help you rekindle those dreams. Please look at the week's objectives below. When you complete each objective, check it off so you can be certain you do not miss anything. The objectives for this week include:

Have a roundtable talk discussing Week 1: Your Destiny

Purposefully connect with one person in your small group sometime this week. Make sure every person has someone to contact. You can connect via: Facebook, texting, email, telephone, Facetime, Skype, actual face to face conversation, or some other means. Find out how they are doing with the daily activations. You can encourage or pray for them if needed.

- Discover 100 dreams or desires you have with God
- Learn what God's heart is for your dreams
- Begin to expect God to help you fulfill your dreams
- **□** Read the following portions of scriptures:
 - Genesis 18:16-31:16
 - □ Matthew 6:25-10:23
 - □ Psalm 8:1-12:8
 - □ Proverbs 2:6-3:15

YOUR HEART'S DESIRES

Dreaming with God does not necessarily mean going to sleep and having a dream, but it could. What I am after this week is to really uncover what is in your heart. What are your heart's desires? The Apostle Paul had a heart's desire and prayer to God that the people of Israel would be saved.³¹

More than you may realize, God is desiring to fulfill your dreams, desires, and goals. It is more than likely He put those desires within you to begin with. Listen to King David's writings in the Book of Psalms.

Psalm 20:4:

⁴ May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose.

Psalm 21:2:

² You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

Psalm 37:4:

⁴ Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

I also want to draw your attention to one of Jesus' final prayers. Jesus' prayer was for all believers throughout history. John recorded Jesus' words in John 17:22:

²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them [all believers in Jesus], that they may be one just as We are one.

Jesus' words are very difficult for the human mind to understand. If Jesus is in your heart, then you are one with the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit. The desires you have in your heart are more than likely placed there automatically because of your relationship with God. The activations to follow will help pull out your heart's desires and put them into action.

³¹ Romans 10:1: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

DAY 8 ACTIVATION

25 DREAMS WITH GOD

Date

In today's activation, I want you to dream with God. Even if your dreams seem self-centered, write them down. I believe God desires to give you even the little pleasures in life. Sometimes those little pleasures can give you a taste of just how much the Lord loves you. After all, He knows everything about you, even the number of hairs you have.³²

AIR JORDAN SHOES

Let me share a quick testimony. Back in the 1980s, the great basketball star Michael Jordan had just released his shoe brand. Air Jordan shoes were the most popular shoes to hit the market during that time. When I was in middle school, my good friend really wanted a pair. Unfortunately, he came from a poor family, and the cost of those shoes were about four times more expensive than any other shoes.

My friend was not very popular in school, and kind of dressed in run down clothes. This resulted in our classmates making fun of him. As a consequence, his self-esteem was pretty low. His mom decided to get him Air Jordans against her logical mind. Believe it or not, but those shoes significantly changed my friend's life. All of a sudden students stopped making fun of him. His self-esteem also changed. Even to this day, he recognizes that moment in his life of getting Air Jordans as being pivotal.

It seems like a goofy story, but I believe the Lord stirred my friend's mom's heart to get him those shoes. She was a financially poor, single mother barely making it. Against all logic she should not have spent the money on those shoes. However, I believe the Lord moved her heart to get those shoes for my friend because of His great love for my friend. My friend may never see it that way, but I do.

1) No matter how selfish your dreams or heart desire's may seem, go ahead and write them down in the space provided. If you want a pair of Air Jordans, go ahead and write it down. Each day you will write down 25 dreams until you reach one hundred dreams. It doesn't matter what order you write them down in, but you can categorize your dreams if you like. Maybe you will want to arrange your dreams to the following categories: personal, spiritual, family, or other. The choices are up to you. Be prepared to share what you have written.

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DAY 8 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 18:16-19:38
- Matthew 6:25-7:14
- Psalm 8:1-9
- Proverbs 2:6-15

DAY 9 ACTIVATION

50 DREAMS WITH GOD

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1) Write down 25 more dreams you have. This will put you up to 50 total. Have you been finding it hard or easy to dream with God? Do you believe God wants to help you accomplish your dreams, goals, and desires?

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DAY 9 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 20:1-22:24
- Matthew 7:15-29
- Psalm 9:1-12
- Proverbs 2:16-22

DAY 10 ACTIVATION

75 DREAMS WITH GOD

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1) Write down 25 more dreams you have. This will put you up to 75 total. Answer the following same questions as yesterday. Have you been finding it hard or easy to dream with God? Do you believe God wants to help you accomplish your dreams, goals, and desires?

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DAY 10 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 23:1-24:51
- Matthew 8:1-17
- Psalm 9:13-20
- Proverbs 3:1-6

DAY 11 ACTIVATION

100 DREAMS WITH GOD

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1) Write down 25 more dreams you have. This will put you up to 100 total. Answer the following same questions as yesterday. Have you been finding it hard or easy to dream with God? Do you believe God wants to help you accomplish your dreams, goals, and desires?

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DAY 11 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 24:52-26:16
- Matthew 8:18-34
- Psalm 10:1-15
- Proverbs 3:7-8

DAY 12 ACTIVATION

GOD'S HEART FOR YOUR DREAMS

Date

Now that you have a list of 100 dreams you want to accomplish with God, you need to find out what is on His heart for your dreams today. Start by asking Father God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit what they want to accomplish today for you on your list. Listen to what They will say to you. You may hear a number in your head that correlates to the order in which you numbered your dreams, or God may speak to you in another way.

After you determine what dream He wants you to focus on today, ask if there is anything you need to do to receive or accomplish that dream. By doing this, you will be developing a deeper relationship with the Lord, and learning how to hear His voice. You will also be learning what is on His heart for you today.

Let me give you an example. Below, I have listed ten out of a hundred of my personal dreams with God.

- I want to be a very successful book author. When I say successful, I mean I 1) want my books to have a global impact.
- I want to be able to sing and play guitar beautifully. When I say beautifully, I mean most rational people would say it is pleasant sounding to the ears.
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- 3) I want to be a crusade evangelist.
- 4) I want to learn how to surf. I want my own home as a base camp to launch from. Dawn and I have been
- 5) "homeless" for the past seven years while we have been on the mission field.
- **6**) I want to go on a paid-in-full chartered deep sea fishing trip.
- 7) <u>I want to go on a paid-in-full cruise at least two times per year with Dawn.</u>
- I want to have a missionary training school that activates and equips people. 8) I want to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out
- 9) demons.
- I want to have unlimited free air miles to travel to regions the Lord wants me 10) <u>to go.</u>

Now that I have my list of dreams in front of me, I need to ask God what is on His heart for me today regarding these dreams. If I hear in my mind the Lord speak to me saying, "#1," Then I know the Lord wants to talk to me about being a successful book author.

I will need to get further revelation from the Lord regarding this dream so I can begin to accomplish that dream. I will need to find out my role in co-partnering with God today to fulfill the dream.

The Lord may speak to me saying, "Nathan, I want you to send your query letter of your latest book to Simon & Schuster Publishing House in New York City today." Or, perhaps I may hear in my mind the Lord speak something totally different. He may say, "Nathan, My timing is perfect. I want you to rest in Me and watch Me work on your behalf. I hold the key to every door. I've got your keys. We will open that door when the time is right."

Whatever revelation I receive from God is invaluable. If I am told to send my query letter to New York City, I will have direction for the day. If I am told to rest in God, then I don't have to go through the process of unnecessary heavy labor, burdens, and stress.

It is crucial for me to hear what God is speaking personally to me about my situations. Both of the above example words from the Lord invoke different responses and actions on my part. Like David in the Old Testament, I need to know the strategy from the Lord in order to be successful and victorious. (See 2 Samuel 5:17-25.³³) So do you.

1) In today's activation, I want you to practice hearing God's voice speak to you in your mind. What dream does He want to emphasize to you today? What does He want you to do pertaining to that dream? In the space below, write your revelations. Please be prepared to share with other people.

2 Samuel 5:17-25: Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁹ So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?"

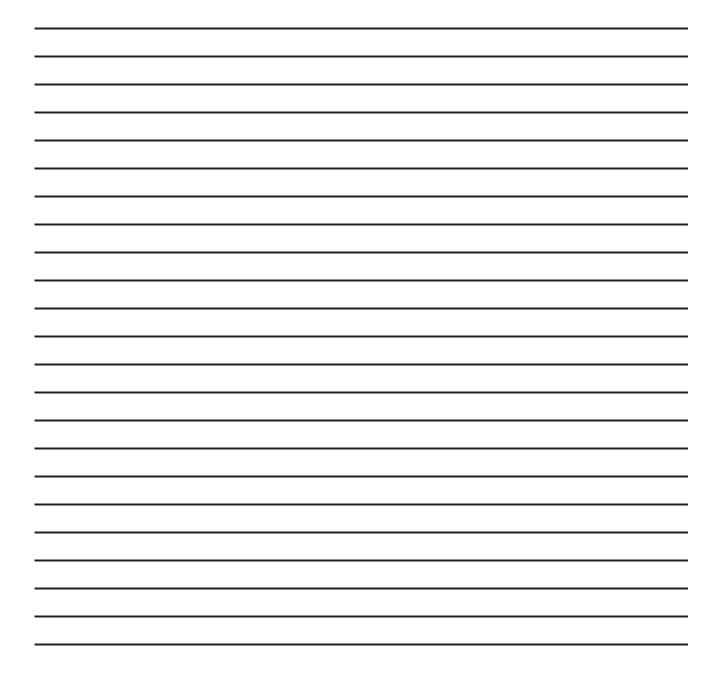
And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

²⁰ So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. ²¹ And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

²² Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. ²³ Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. ²⁴ And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." ²⁵ And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

DAY 12 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 26:17-27:46
- Matthew 9:1-17
- Psalm 10:16-18
- Proverbs 3:9-10



DAY 13 ACTIVATION

EXPECTING FULFILLED DREAMS

Date

Today's activation could take days, weeks, or even years to complete. You have already dreamt with God in the previous activations, but now it is time to anticipate and expect God fulfilling your dreams. I believe this is a very important activation so you can see God actually working on your behalf. He wants you to be successful and happy because of His great love for you. He wants to fulfill your dreams.

1) In the space below, you will record the date in which you and God accomplished one of your heart's desires. I have provided you lines numbered 1-100. Each number correlates with the number of your dream listed on the previous pages. When you see your dream realized, date it in the space provided. Be prepared to share your good news of God fulfilling your dreams with the people around you.

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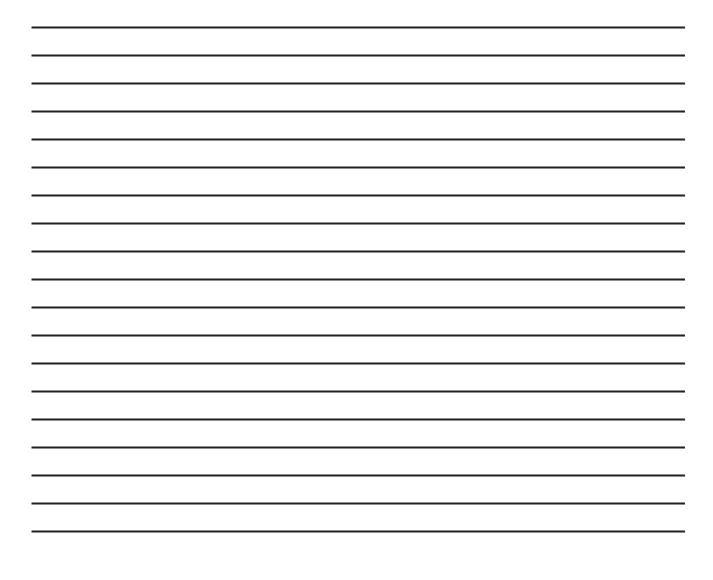
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DAY 13 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 28:1-29:35
- Matthew 9:18-38
- Psalm 11:1-7
- Proverbs 3:11-12



DAY 14 ACTIVATION

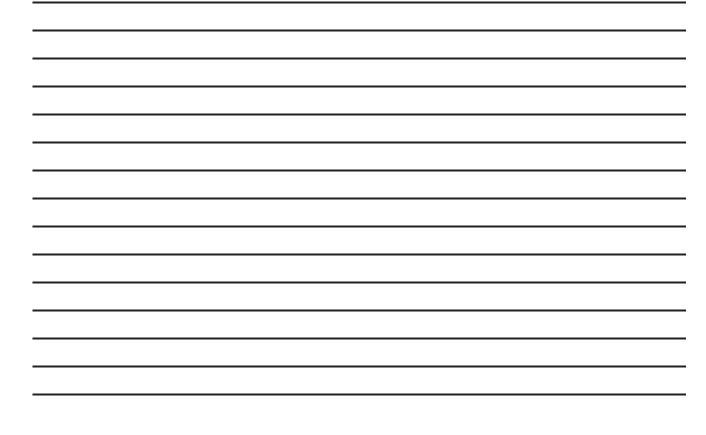
RESTING FROM YOUR WORK

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One day in each week of this program, you will have a "rest day." God Himself also rested from His work. You also deserve a break from your hard work. Check out the following scripture passage. Genesis 2:1-3:

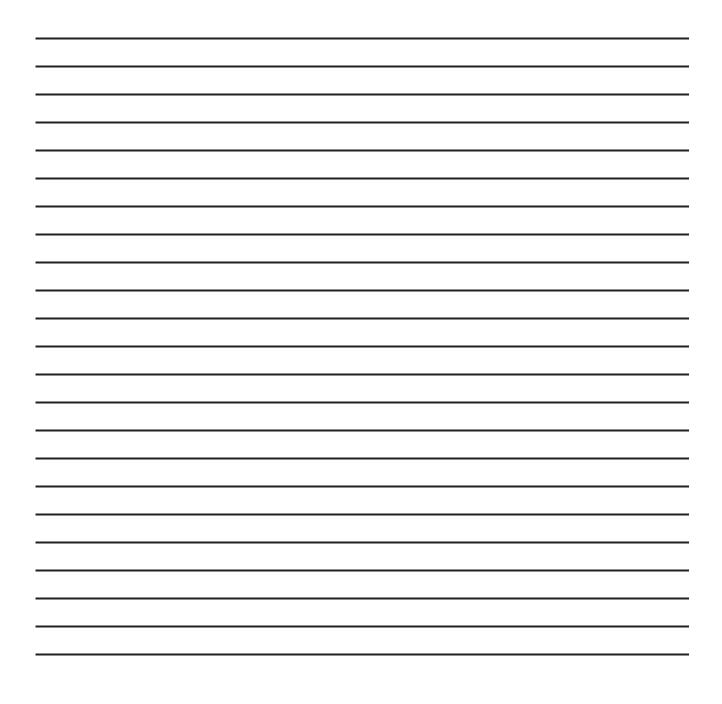
¹ Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

1) What does it look like to you to rest in the Lord? Perhaps you want to turn on some soft instrumental music, sit on the couch, and let God speak to you. Maybe you want to enjoy a walk in nature with the Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. How about a wonderful walk on the beach? Position yourself today to rest in the Lord. I really encourage you to spend at least 15-minutes today resting in the Lord. Write your experiences down in the space below, and be prepared to share what you wrote.



DAY 14 BIBLE READING PLAN

- Genesis 30:1-31:16
- Matthew 10:1-23
- Psalm 12:1-8
- Proverbs 3:13-15



WEEK 2 GROUP ACTIVATION

ROUNDTABLE TALK ON WEEK 1: YOUR DESTINY

Date

It is highly recommended that you do the Destiny Activated program in a group with others. There are a number of reasons to do this program in a group setting. Some of those reasons include: developing friendships, accountability, the feeling of accomplishing a common task as a team, walking on the same path with others, establishing connections, and having support from others.

I really encourage you to connect with others in your group at the minimal of once per week. The length of the group activation should be from 20-45 minutes. It is not my desire to micromanage your group discussions at all, but let me give you some helpful suggestions to make the group experience a pleasant one for every person.

1) Start by breaking yourselves randomly into small groups. I recommend the small groups be around four to seven people large. I encourage you to establish groups with people you do not know very well. This might even mean that spouses are in separate groups. It is not necessary that the groups stay the same for each continuing week. I actually recommend forming new groups each week so you have an opportunity to connect with more people.

With that being said, you might want to stay in the same group each week. If you desire to stay in the same group week after week you might consider forming groups based upon what mountain each person thinks they belong in. For example, people called to the business mountain would group together. This way of grouping might not be perfect because not everybody may know what mountain they are called to yet. Also, people may have an influence in several mountains. In that case, they could choose a group they want to be in, or rotate around. The choices are yours. Have fun.

2) Establish a facilitator for the group. I recommend the facilitator be picked at random. One way to do that is quickly number the total of people in your group on a piece of paper. For example, if your group has six people, number 1-6 on the piece of paper. Next tear off each number and place it shuffled on the table. Each person will then grab one piece of paper with a number on it. Whoever chooses #1 will be the facilitator for the group for that week.

The facilitator's role is to encourage total group participation. Many people are afraid to speak in front of others. The facilitator's responsibility is to create a safe environment for all members to join the conversation without controlling it.

3) Now that you are in small groups and have established a facilitator, it is time to start talking. I encourage the group to stay on key pertaining to the topic of the week. The conversation should revolve around discussing each person's results from the various week's activations. There are several ways to do this. I encourage you to get creative.

One way to discuss the activations is to start with the first activation assignment in the week. Let every person in the group discuss something from the activation. This might even include a scripture, revelation, or insight from the Daily Bible Reading Plan. However, it is important the facilitator monitors the length of each person talking. It is typically not appropriate for one person to monopolize the entire time in the group activation. Once you complete the first day's activation of the week, move to the second day. After every person in the group has commented for that day, move to the next day until each activation in the week has been discussed by each person.

Another way to discuss the activations could be for each person to share one main highlight from the week. Doing it this way is recommended if you have limited discussion time. Remember, it is the facilitator's responsibility to keep the conversation Christ centered, free flowing, and honoring, while promoting each person's participation.

Let me give you some sample questions the facilitator might ask if they are having difficulties.

- a) Do you feel you accomplished the week's objectives? Why or why not?
- b) Were you able to do the weekly activations? If you were unable to do the activations, why?
- c) Were you able to get a good idea of what mountain or mountains you are called to?
- d) Did you understand the importance of daily reading your bible?

e) What were some of the comments other people made pertaining to what mountain they think you belong to? Do you agree with those comments?

f) What role do you think you play within the mountain you are called to? What do other think?

g) Were you able to begin developing a plan to help you think through important issues that you may not have considered?

- h) Were you able to rest in the Lord this week?
- i) Did you receive any revelation from the Lord during your Daily Bible Reading time?
- j) Does anybody need prayer for anything that occurred during the week?
- 4) Connect with one person in your group this week and see how they are doing?

5) If there is something you want to write down from the Weekly Group Activation, you can do so in the space provided.

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