

DREAMERS AND DOERS

THE ARRANGEMENT:

You could have been more
 Than a name on the door
 On the thirty-third floor in the air
 More than a credit card
 Swimming pool in the backyard

Most men don't want too much out of life.

Most men want too little.

A **“Formula” For Greatness:** When a great love births a great commitment to a great cause, the result is a great life.

1. GOD HAS A KINGDOM _____ FOR YOU.

John 14.25-26: All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name ...

Why did God send the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit will convict **nonbelievers** of their need for forgiveness and grace (John 16.8-11).

He will guide **believers** into truth (John 16.13), encourage us (John 14.16), transform us into the image of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2.13) and empower us to be effective witnesses for Christ (Acts 1.8).

He will glorify **Christ** (John 16.14).

Acts 2.14-18: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“... God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy; your young men will see visions; your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days ...’”

Why did the Holy Spirit come on the Day of Pentecost?

To give the people of God _____.

And not just some of us – _____ of us.

When The Holy Spirit births you into the Kingdom, it becomes your spiritual _____ to be a dreamer and a visionary.

We are meant to have a vision, step into it, take a risk, and give ourselves to it.

We are called to be Kingdom entrepreneurs.

2. GOD'S KINGDOM DREAM FOR YOU WILL MAKE YOU

_____.

All of us, those of us who are entrepreneurial by nature and those of us who aren't, have a **comfort zone**.

It's a place where emotionally, socially and/or professionally we feel secure and competent.

And we believe that if we can just stay in that place, we can _____ what will come at us and what we're called upon to do.

Because we men place such a high value on being _____ and because we're so ego-driven that we hate looking bad in front of others, we will expend all kinds of emotional energy to remain there.

But what a price we pay.

Hendricks and Ludeman: Your zone of complacency is that complicated batch of thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and convictions designed to keep you from becoming uncomfortable. ... The real trouble with the zone of complacency is that it expands very quickly. The zone gets bigger every time we make a decision to sacrifice an adventurous vision in favor of comfort. Unless we're very careful, pretty soon the zone of complacency has taken over our living space. We retreat to the zone a few times to avoid the risky business of life, and one day we wake up to find we can't get out of it.

Stay in your comfort zone and you become complacent.

Become complacent and you'll lose your _____.

Lose your heart and you won't be good for anything, certainly not the Kingdom.

But the Holy Spirit gives us visions and dreams that push us out of our comfort zone because the world is in a mess, and comfortable, complacent men won't change it.

And men who have lost their hearts won't take the _____ that are required or fight the battles that must be fought.

THREE INNER BATTLES YOU WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME:

A. I'M NOT _____ TO DO SOMETHING BIG FOR GOD.

Jaimie Buckingham: It seems that all the great men of God have gone off and died. All that's left to do his work are us sinners.

God has always used _____ men to do extraordinary things.

He has always used failures to win his battles.

He has always used mess-ups to make things right.

Why? Because that's all he has ever had to work with.

B. I'M NOT _____ TO DO SOMETHING BIG FOR GOD.

I'm not smart enough, spiritual enough, or strong enough for what God is calling me to do.

Don't be afraid of not being enough.

Be afraid of not using all that you are for the cause that most matters.

God has always been more concerned with a man's _____ than his capability.

2 Corinthians 12.9-10: But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses ... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

_____ is enough – you don't have to be.

C. I DON'T SEE ANY WAY TO PULL OFF WHAT GOD IS CALLING ME TO DO.

If you could, you'd be God.

God's Kingdom dream for you will be more than you can do.

It will be what he can do through you.

3. GOD'S KINGDOM DREAM FOR YOU WILL MAKE YOU

_____.

If a vision isn't big enough to frighten us, it won't be big enough to _____ us.

Hendricks and Ludeman: If you know exactly how to get to your goal, you need a bigger intention. Growth and excitement in individuals and companies come from stretching to achieve things that may not have seemed possible even a week earlier.

God's Kingdom dream for you is meant to excite you, energize you, grow you, stretch you, cause you to give your best, and make you willing to sacrifice what other men hold dear.

Nothing but a _____ vision can do that.

Romans 15.19-20: So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been **my ambition** to preach the gospel where Christ was not known ...

You were made for more.

And once you begin to step into God's vision for your life and you see yourself becoming who you were made to be, and doing what you were made to do, and being used in the lives of others the way you were created to make a Kingdom difference, you'll know what that more is, and you won't let anything take it away from you.

4. GOD'S KINGDOM DREAM FOR YOU WILL MAKE YOU

_____.

When God gives you a vision, you are responsible for what you _____ with what he says to you and with what he shows you.

James 2.14-17: What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

The point here is not that we must do something for our salvation – we don't.

The point is: If our "faith" doesn't change our lives, it's not _____ faith.

True faith is more than intellectual assent.

It's a belief that changes how we live and _____ we live for.

We don't need more guys inspired, or more guys challenged, or more guys excited.

We need more guys doing what God is calling them to do.

Acts 26:19-23: So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike.

Malcolm Muggeridge: Here lieth one whose soul sometimes burned with great longings. To whom sometimes the curtain of the Infinite was opened just a little, but who lacked the guts to make any use of it.

When God speaks into your life and calls you to join the battle, ultimately, it doesn't matter what you think about what he's calling you to do; it doesn't matter how you feel about it; or how frightened you are by it.

What matters is what you do about it.