

Created to Dream

Part One- It Takes Faith

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Because of your faith, it will happen. (Matthew 9:29, New Living Translation)

And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. (Mark 6:5-6, NLT)

It is impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews 11:6, NLT)

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DREAM IS FROM GOD?

1. A faith-fueled dream stretches my imagination.

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20, New International Reader's Version)

The one thing I ask of the LORD—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple. (Psalm 27:4, NLT)

2. A faith-fueled dream takes the initiative.

When David was settled in his palace, he summoned Nathan the prophet. Look," David said, I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of the LORD's Covenant is out there under a tent!" (1 Chronicles 17:1, NLT)

The Lord will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings! For when you die and join your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, one of your sons, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for me. And I will secure his throne forever. (1 Chronicles 17:10-12, NLT)

3. A faith-fueled dream is persistent.

My son, I wanted to build a Temple to honor the name of the Lord my God," David told him. But the Lord said to me, You have killed many men in the battles you have fought. And since you have shed so much blood in my sight, you will not be the one to build a Temple to honor my name. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace. . . . He is the one who will build a Temple to honor my name. (1 Chronicles 22:7-10, NLT)

4. A faith-fueled dream follows the instructions.

Then David gave Solomon the plans for the Temple and its surroundings David also gave Solomon all the plans he had in mind for the courtyards of the Lord's Temple, the outside rooms, the treasuries, and the rooms for the gifts dedicated to the Lord. (1 Chronicles 28:11-12, NLT)

Every part of this plan," David told Solomon, "was given to me in writing from the hand of the LORD." (1 Chronicles 28:19, NLT)

5. A faith-fueled dream rebounds from failure.

I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart. (2 Chronicles 7:15-16, NLT)

But if you or your descendants abandon me and . . . you serve and worship other gods, then I will uproot the people from this land that I have given them. I will reject this Temple that I have made holy to honor my name. . . . And though this Temple is impressive now, all who pass by will be appalled. (2 Chronicles 7:19-21, NLT)

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. (John 2:19, 21, NLT)

We are the temple of the living God. As God said: 'I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (2 Corinthians 6:16, NLT)