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HOW TO CONNECT

FAITH AND DREAMING

Key Verse

“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.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

Vision: The language of God’s Spirit

Vision is seeing God’s reality with our mind.

1. Two kinds of hope in human mind

(1) **A dead hope:** What we want remains as a concept without becoming a vision in our mind – it generates human religion.

(2) **A living hope:** When the concept of what we want becomes a clear vision in our mind – it produces life.

¹⁸ The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.

LUKE 4:18 NLT

4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.

GENESIS 26:4 NIV

2. True vision vs false vision

(1) True vision: A vision that reflects God's reality (Spiritual actuality) – it comes from hearing God's Word.

(2) False vision: A vision that does not reflect God's reality – it comes from hearing the lies of Satan.

The language of God's Spirit is vision. Human language delivers the concept of reality. But God's language delivers the vision of reality.

Faith comes by hearing God's Word through the language of God's Spirit, as vision that is spoken into our spirit. To be united with a living hope and to facilitate it through our faith, God's Word must become a vision in our spirit.

⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.

MARK 13:9 NIV

⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

REVELATION 2:7 NIV

Faith: The power to hold onto God's vision

1. What faith is not

(1) Simple believing is not faith.

"I will believe whatever I want to believe."

(2) Human effort is not faith.

"I will do whatever I want to do to get the result."

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

JOHN 3:3, 5 NIV

2. What faith is

When we see the vision of God’s reality, the power within us that makes us live that reality in this physical world is called “Faith”.

- We worship God through faith.
- We serve His purpose by faith.
- We experience His power with faith.
- We share His truth with others by faith.
- We receive His answer to our prayer through faith.

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

HEBREWS 11:1-2 NLT

Faith is both conviction and action of a living hope.

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

JAMES 2:17 NIV

When we encounter our God who created us, He shows us His vision for our life according to His plan.

¹¹ “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.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

¹¹ I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. **MSG**

How to receive God's vision for our life

1. Surrender ourselves to God completely

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

COLOSSIANS 3:3 NIV

2. Seek His will for our life with a sincere heart in obedience

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33 NIV

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