

I have called you specifically, by name, to partner with Me, in the Earth! I've got big plans for you!" You see, God had a fantastic dream to bless His people and create a spiritual family on the earth and He wanted to partner with Abraham to see it happen.

IN JUST THE SAME WAY, **God has a big, specific and personal dream for you and your life.** Think about that, God, in all of His bigness has a great and personal dream for you and your life.

God is the Dream Giver. He is the source, the Originator of the dream. The reality is, it's not our job to make up God's dream for our life. But, it is our job to see it, believe it and move towards it. So faith, or believing, is not us creating a future. It is trusting in the Creator, receiving His dream, and His plan for our future. **True faith begins with seeing God's dream and plan.** It's hearing what God says. It's believing what God wants.

The first step in overcoming impossible situations, the first step in tapping into God's unlimited power, is you've got to see God for Who He is and embrace God's dream.

What do you think is your biggest obstacle in truly seeing and trusting God for who He is and what He wants for your life?

Personal Application

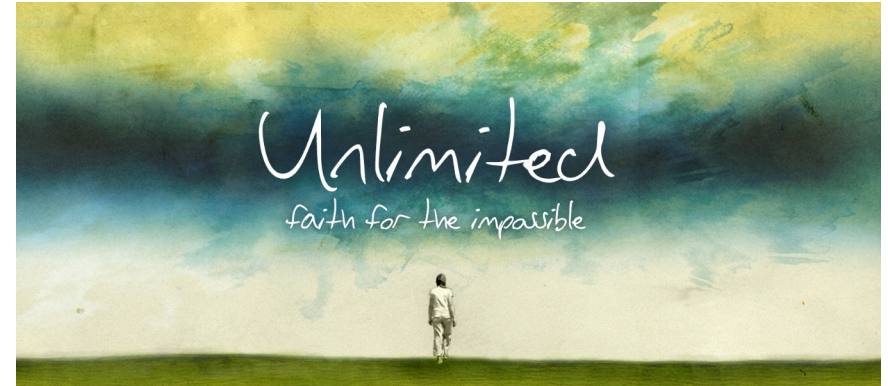
What dreams has God placed in your life, that you know are from Him, but obstacles stand in your path? How can you better see God for who He is and embrace His dream?

Spend time this week in prayer, to believe God, to step out in faith, for your dream to come to pass, as well as the dream for this church's Legacy journey.

Prayer

Let's all pray together.

Father God, thank you that you love us enough that we can come to You seeking to do whatever it takes to fulfill the plan You have for our lives. Help us to overcome any obstacles that hinder completing the dream You have given us. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen



Week 1 – Faith That Sees

Announcements

A Life Made Beautiful - May 7-8 | Little Creek Campus

Small Group Training - Saturday, May 15 | 8:30am | Little Creek Campus

IDENTITY Junior High Camp - May 30-June 2 | Eunice, LA

REVOLUTION High School Camp - July 26-30 | Denton, TX

Club456 - Friday, April 30 | 7pm | Little Creek Campus

Men's Breakfast - Wednesdays | 6:15am | Benedict's Restaurant

CityREACH Crawfish Boil - Saturday, May 1 | 11AM | LCC

Warm-up

Have you ever faced a situation that seemed overwhelming and impossible to overcome? What was it? How did you respond?

Word

We all face challenges in life that can seem overwhelming and impossible. It is during those moments that we come to terms with truly how limited we are in our own humanity. We see in the Bible, how God routinely steps into impossible situations and turns things around. The interesting thing about that is, God doesn't do it without somebody believing Him and trusting Him for the miracle. So, the question we are going to answer today is –

How can we live a life where we partner with God in seeing impossible situations turned around?

Have we realized the big plans, big dreams, and big opportunities God has for us? Or, have we let *life's circumstances overwhelm us or put our faith in a God that we have made too small*. It's important that we understand that the starting place for trusting God and walking in faith, is realizing that with God the possibilities are unlimited. In this week's small group lesson entitled **Faith That Sees** – We are reminded that when we put our faith in God Who is big, we tap into unlimited possibilities in life.

The first verse of the Bible speaks of the unlimited nature of God. **[Read Genesis 1:1] *What does this tell us about God in relation to us?***

Later, in the Old Testament, Israel's King David tells us that creation around us - even the stars - tell us more about God.

[Read Psalm 19:1] *When you look up into the sky and see the vast stars, what do they convey to you about God?*

The Bible tells us that they are saying, "God is amazing, indescribable, bigger than you've ever dreamed of." They're screaming "God is bigger than you could ever imagine. Don't sell Him short, He is huge, bigger than any thought we could think or any problem you could ever face." Scripture goes on to say in Genesis "Let there be light and there was light." That is what God asked for and that's what He got. The universe came into being. It's massive. The truth is, we don't even know how big it is – it's ever expanding. Our universe is often called the "known universe," - because we don't even know how big it is.

God speaks about Himself through the prophet Isaiah.

[Read Isaiah 46:5] *When you think of God, how do you describe Him? Do you think you have placed any limits God? If so, why?*

Many scientists are stumped at the great expanse of the universe. They constantly ask, "There must be additional habited planets!" Their reasoning is, if Earth is the only inhabited planet and if the universe is just for us, just a home for us - it's way over-sized. But, what if the primary purpose of the universe, the stars, is to show off the greatness, the bigness of God. Then the universe is not too big, it's just about right. Our universe is pretty much limitless and our God is so much greater even than that. We really

need to "**right-size**" God today. He is not our size, His brain is not like our brain, and His thoughts are not our thoughts. He's bigger than anything we have ever seen – *or could even imagine*. He is huge. The stars and heavens are not just telling us that God is huge, but in comparison that we are really, really, really, really small.

[Read Psalm 8:3-4 together as a group] *Does God want us to dwell on our "smallness"? What does this say about God's care for us?*

To respect God's majesty, we must compare ourselves to His greatness. When we look at creation, we realize we are small by comparison. To feel small is a healthy way to get back to reality, but God does not want us to dwell on our smallness. Understanding God's bigness brings us a proper respect for His greatness and power.

[Read Ephesians 3:20]

The Message says it like this: God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Listen to this verse in the *Amplified Bible*: Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].

What happens when we embrace the bigness of God? What happens when a big God puts big dreams in your heart?

Not only is God big, He is a BIG DREAMER. In the Bible you can see a God that dreams big and wants to partner with people to see those dreams come to pass. In Genesis chapters 12 and 15, God shares His dream with a man that believed Him – Abraham. In Genesis 15, we walk in on a conversation between Abraham and God. Abraham is facing a seemingly impossible situation. God already promised him that he would have a great family, but he was still childless – it was impossible in the natural. His wife, Sarah, was well beyond her childbearing years. Yet look at what God says. **[Read Genesis 15:5]** Remember, at this time, Abraham still had no children, and yet God is saying to him – "I have a big dream for you! I have a very personal dream that is very specific to you!"