

Monday, November 5 – *“He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30)* Two things to pay attention to in our verse for today, as it pertains to your dreams. First, the source of your life is God. He knit you together in your mother’s womb. He put you on the earth in this place and at this time. Do you believe it is by chance or do you believe it was for a purpose? You need to answer that question for yourself. Second, God has given you wisdom, righteousness, sanctification (to be set apart as sacred) and redemption. Because of Jesus we don’t need to worry about any of this, it is all given to us through faith. So, knowing that this is all taken care of, it is all a done deal, what exactly can happen to you in your life that would cause you to stop pursuing your dream? No amount of failure or struggles or roadblocks will ever take this away. So, pursue your dreams, no matter what.

Tuesday, November 6 – *“Jesus wept.” (John 11:35)* Shortest verse in the Bible and yet it speaks volumes to us, as it pertains to dreams. The message for this week is to keep going no matter what. Keep dreaming, keep praying and keep on thanking God for each and every day. Some believe that a “good Christian” would never be down, would never get upset, would never be depressed and would never feel discouraged. This couldn’t be further from the truth. Here we see our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, crying at the news of the death of a good friend. A “good Christian” isn’t void of all of the emotions, a “good Christian” simply knows how to respond to all of the emotions when they pop up. The way to respond is to keep praying and to keep thanking God. Which is exactly what Jesus did as he brought Lazarus back to life. In this journey to be, don’t suppress your emotions thinking a “good Christian” wouldn’t feel that or think that. Simply pray and give thanks to God in response to all of your emotions and any situation. Pursue your dreams, no matter what.

Wednesday, November 7 – *“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15)* In order to keep going toward your dreams, no matter what, one must be authentic. One aspect of authentication is to feel compassion for those God has placed in your life. Authentication means that you can get in there, deep in there, with the people you love. You can get real, not pretending, but genuinely feeling pain with those who are feeling pain and to celebrate with those who are celebrating. Don’t be so caught up in your own stuff that you lose connection with those around you. Be available, be real, be authentic. As life happens, stay cheer-full, stay prayer-full and stay thank-full, even in the midst of struggles and trials. Start today so that you can build up your authentic account. Soon, you will need to make a withdraw and if you haven’t made any deposits there will be nothing for you to draw from. Pursue your dreams, no matter what.

Thursday, November 8 – *“And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.” (Romans 5:3-4)* So, did you think that all you had to do was verbalize your dream, take action on your dream and everything would be great? All the pieces would fall into place and everything would go smoothly? That isn’t dreaming, that is fantasizing. Your dream is going to be hard work. You are going to make many mistakes. You are going to encounter road-block after road-block. You are going to have people and the world telling you that it can’t be done. You will suffer because of your dream. Yet, as we are learning today, suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character and character produces hope. Never lose hope. The only way to accomplish this is to pursue your dreams, no matter what.

Friday, November 9 – *“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.” (Acts 16:25)* You have a choice to make in your life. Will you be a person who goes after their dreams or will you be a person who plays it safe? The former person will experience the richness of life in all its glory. The ups, the downs, great success and horrible failure. The latter will get by. They will be safe, pay their bills, be a good person, but will slowly choke out the potential of the fire that God has started in their life as a small spark. Only you can make that decision, but in your process of making this decision think about this for a moment. Everyone in your life is watching you, listening to you, judging who God is, who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian by your actions. Totally unfair, I agree, but reality. What do you want the people you love the most in your life to know about God, to know about Jesus, to know about Christianity? Teach them through your actions and pursue your dreams, no matter what.

What have we learned so far?

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How do I live as a dreamer?

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