



Dreams That Lead - Part 1: Hearing God in the Night

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Intro

Dreams can be mysterious—but in Scripture, they're often moments of divine clarity. Throughout the Bible, God used dreams to guide, correct, warn, and confirm. Yet in our modern lives, we often overlook or dismiss them. This teaching explores how God still speaks through dreams, using biblical stories to separate divine revelation from mere imagination. Whether your nights have been filled with restlessness, vision, or silence, this message will help you tune your spiritual ear. God is still speaking—and sometimes, He waits until everything else is quiet to say something that could shape your destiny.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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Part 1: Dreams in the Bible – God’s Language of Purpose

Scriptures:

- Genesis 37:5-11
 - Matthew 1:20-21
 - Daniel 2:27-28
 - Jeremiah 23:25-28
 - Ecclesiastes 5:3
 - Joel 2:28-29 / Acts 2:17-18
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Focus:

God has always used dreams to communicate with His people. But in today’s noise-saturated culture, we need to rediscover how to discern when dreams are divine, how to respond when they are, and how to filter out what is not from Him. Dreams are not formulas. They are invitations.

Dreams often contain:

- Communication (God revealing something)
- Correction (God redirecting a path)
- Calling (God confirming purpose or identity)

This session lays the biblical foundation to recognize that dreams can be one of God’s languages—but not the only one.

1. Dreams as Divine Communication

God has often used dreams to initiate divine conversations. They were not always expected, but they always carried purpose.

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Examples:

- **Joseph (Genesis 37):** Dreams about authority and family destiny.
- **Solomon (1 Kings 3:5):** God offers him wisdom through a dream.
- **Daniel (Daniel 2, 7):** Interpretation and revelation for kings and nations.

Teaching Point: God still speaks. We must slow down enough to listen.

2. Not All Dreams Are From God

Just because a dream feels spiritual doesn't mean it's from Heaven.

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:25-28

- God warns about prophets saying, "I have dreamed," when their words are rooted in delusion.
- God's true word is wheat. False dreams are straw.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:3

- "A dream comes with much business..." Some dreams are just mental noise.

Teaching Point: Discernment is essential. Don't elevate experience over God's Word.

3. Dreams Require Interpretation from God

The Bible never endorses dream dictionaries—it emphasizes *divine interpretation*.

Example:

- **Genesis 40:8** — "Do not interpretations belong to God?"
- **Daniel 2:27-28** — "There is a God in Heaven who reveals mysteries."

Teaching Point: Don't assume. Ask God.

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4. The Role of Dreams in the Last Days

Scripture: Joel 2:28-29 / Acts 2:17-18

- God promises an outpouring of His Spirit.
- Dreams, visions, and prophecy will increase across generations and social lines.

Teaching Point: Dreams are not outdated. They are part of God’s promise for this era.

Visual Summary Flow:

Revelation → Discernment → Interpretation → Alignment

- Dreams may bring revelation.
 - We test and discern through the Word and Spirit.
 - We ask for divine interpretation.
 - We respond in faith, aligning with what God shows.
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Mini-Activation: Responding to the Language of Dreams

Step 1: Reflection (1-2 minutes)

- "God, have You spoken through a dream that I ignored, misunderstood, or dismissed?"
- "What dreams have left me unsettled, and why?"

Step 2: Declaration (Say Together) "Father, I trust Your voice. I welcome Your Spirit to speak, whether in dreams or in the quiet of my heart. I will not chase experiences. I will chase Your presence. I will test every dream by Your Word and wait for Your wisdom. Speak, Lord. I am listening."

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Step 3: Group Prompt

- "What's one dream you now believe may have been God trying to speak? What might He have been saying?"
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Closing Blessing:

May your nights be covered in peace, not confusion. May your dreams be a place of divine meeting, not fear. May you grow in discernment and learn to recognize when Heaven is speaking.

You are not chasing signs. You are following the Shepherd.

Let Him lead. Let Him speak.