

GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

Created to Dream: The 6 Phases God Uses to Grow Your Faith Rick Warren

"For I know the plans I have <u>for you</u>, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not hard you, plans to give you a <u>hope</u> and a <u>future</u>!" Jeremiah 29:11

How to Discover God's Dream for You

1. DEDICATE

"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, <u>dedicated to his service</u> . . . Do not conform to the standards of this world, but let God transform you . . . <u>Then you will</u> <u>be able to know</u> the will of God—what is good . . . pleasing . . . and perfect." Romans 12:1-2 (GNT)

"Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back . . . and run with patience the <u>particular race</u> that God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1 (TLB)

2. RESERVE

(To Job) "Pause a moment and listen! Consider the wonderful things God does." Job 37:14 (GNT)

Examples

- Abraham (Genesis 15:5)
- Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-12)

- Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:1-2)

- Jacob (Genesis 32:24-29) Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:4)
- Moses (Exodus 3:1-10)
- Gideon (Judges 6:11-14)
- David (Psalm 5:3)
- Paul (Galatians 1:17-18) - Jesus (Luke 5:16)

3. EVALUATE

"For we are <u>God's handiwork</u>, created in Christ to devote ourselves to the <u>good</u> <u>deeds for which God has designed us</u>." Ephesians 2:10

"God has given each of you some <u>special abilities</u>; be sure to use them to help each other" 1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

"We are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us." Romans 12:6 (GNT)

4. ASSOCIATE

"As iron sharpens iron, friend sharpens friend." Proverbs 27:17 (Knox)

"Bad friends ruin the noblest people." 1 Corinthians 15:33 (JB)

5. MAKE

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the <u>certainty</u> that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead." Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

"David served God's purpose in his generation, then he died." Acts 13:36 (GNT)

"I reckon on my own life worth nothing to me, in order that I may <u>complete my</u> <u>mission</u> and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do" Acts 20:24 (GNT)

Next Steps

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