

SESSION 4 - DREAMS AND VISIONS

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Well, welcome

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back. It's great to having this time to share. And hopefully, all of us are just growing together to increase our knowledge and understanding of becoming a person of the Spirit. So today we're looking at understanding and interpretation of dreams and visions. We know Joel, Chapter 2 talks about dreams and visions. And I believe that we're in a time and seasons where God is restoring back to the heart of the church, dreams and visions, that particular gifting of a church that need to enlarge our capacity to become more attuned and be more aware that aye we live in the kingdom and dimension. A kingdom realm. So dreams and visions are part of the gifts that we see throughout the bible, you know, where we see Daniel, and Joseph, they all had dreams and visions that were relating to particular events, or particular people or particular things. So we're going to journey today on looking at dreams and visions, understanding them and also having some understandings of interpretation, and how to interpret dreams. So first thing is defining the difference between dreams and visions. Dreams, the dictionary describes it in the natural meaning as two definitions, it could be just a series of thoughts, images and sensations occurring in a person's mind during sleep, a cherished aspiration, ambition or ideal about what you want to become what are you hoping to be? It's a dream, dream for the future. Third thing it's a theory, theory states that dreams don't mean anything, that they are just brain impulses that pull random thoughts and imagery from you all from our memories. Freud studied dreams to understand the unconscious mind. Therefore, according to Freud, your dreams reveal your repressed wishes to yourself. But we're focusing on the God given dreams that have a spiritual meaning that have some depth to them. When we talk about dreams, dreams have focuses, tells you what you really know about something. What you are really feeling, they point you towards what you may need for growth, what you may need towards integration, what you may need to be expressing the health of your relationship to a person, people, places or things. They can also help you to fine tune your direction and show you your unfinished business. That's what dreams focuses on. Dream interpretation is a process of assigning meaning to dreams. In many ancient societies, such as those of the Egypt, in the Greece, dreaming was considered as supernatural communication or a means of divine intervention whose message could be interpreted by people with these associated spiritual powers. For example, in the Bible days of the Old Testament, we see in Daniel, chapter 2 verses 1 to 2, that there are particular people. One were the musicians. The second one was the astrologist. The third one was the scorcherers and the Chaldeans.

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It was a dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had while he was asleep. We read in verses 19 to 48. Daniel not only tells the king the dream, but he also then gives it interpretation. So take some time out and to read that particular chapter of Daniel chapter 2. And we see where he not only has a dream, but God gives him the interpretation. All the other musicians and astrologers and the scorcherers, they couldn't understand and they couldn't get the interpretation of the dream. The King Nebuchadnezzar had, but Daniel with the wisdom and the spirit revealed to him what the dream is all about. The parables of the kingdom of God. Understanding the principles of our Jesus revealed the things of the kingdom through the parables. This was a type or a pattern of his speech, and examples and illustrations of revealing the things of the kingdom to a person who had no idea or understanding or who were not brought up maybe in the ways of the Jewish or the Messianic laws, and traditions. Take time in your Bible to read Matthew chapter 13, verses 1 to 23. Mark chapter 4 verses 1 to 20. And Luke chapter 8 verses 4 to 15. As you take time to read these scriptures, in your own personal time, you will begin to develop and have a bit more understanding about dreams and interpretations. Make sure that you write down your answers, or write down your questions that you may have. So that when we do meet together online, we can discuss these face to face. So the parables give us an understanding what things represent. And it gives us meaning to our dreams and visions. Also, it gives us an insight to what God is trying to tell us or say to us, for example, we see here in this particular scripture, in verses 13 to 20. And we see this and it's talking about the interpretation, it's the seeds, you know, the it's the parable of the sower in the seed. And we see that the seed actually represent the Word of God. The ground in this particular scripture is the heart of a man or the heart of people. It talks about types of people, there was hard ground, which means the stony ground was somebody who's got a heart stony heart against God. Hey, there was seed was sown on the thorns and the thistles. Hey its people who God cares and worries about the things of the world and they life and it chokes the seed it chokes the seed, which is the word of God. And see, we understand that their...God is just trying to show us that, hey, these natural things represent a spiritual meaning. And this is what the parables are all about. So when you think about your dreams, you can understand the word of God. And you can relate particular things that you're dreaming about, you know, and it relates to the Word of God and, you know, relates to things you know, just like the blind man, when God when Jesus healed him, he said, Oh, my gosh, I see men like trees walking. So slowly getting his sight, and we identified their eye, these trees look like they walk on like man. So tree represents people. It says, those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God in Psalm chapter one. So he's talking about, hey, trees are representing people. So you could ever dream about trees and rivers and you know, all sorts of natural things, but they actually relate and they have a meaning to it. So we need to understand that when we're reading these verses, that they actually these particular things in the parables relate to a particular meaning could be people it could be out of your bellies shall flow rivers of living waters. And I think of all what does

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living waters represent, it means the life of this spirit, out of your bellies gonna flow the life of this spirit that God's put within us? And so you could be dreaming about rivers and waters and you know, God's talking to you and he are these trees, standing by the rivers in the waters and, you know, it represents things in your dream. I'd like you some time, but throughout your week, to find a partner or find a friend and tell them a dream that you've had. And you need to ask your friend if they could actually interpret

that dream for you. Don't make it too long. Make it a short dream. If you haven't had a dream, maybe make up something, and ask them to interpret for you and ask them to write it down and to give it to you. Alright, so there's somebody telling the dream. And then there's somebody writing down the interpretation of the dream. So you're person one, with the dream, you're telling your friend person two write down the interpretation person two and you person, one need to tell them the dream you had. So the when we meet up online, we're going to do a bit of an activation together. So we come back, and we share our particular dreams. And we're learning together, not only just having dreams, but how to interpret our dreams. So dreams are things that we have when we're actually sleep. So when I'm talking about dreams, it's the things that I dream about when I'm asleep. So they're called dreams. So the next thing we're going to address is visions. The dictionary meaning of a vision is the faculty of the state of being able to see where you've got the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. So vision is actually like I'm awake, I can see. It's the faculty or the state of being able to see, you know, and we know in Revelation, the word always says, 'He that hasn't hear, let him hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the church.' God wants us to be a person of the Spirit, you know that we're able to see things. He wants to show us things. And so we see that visions are actually seen when we're awake. Other words, a sight or eyesight, something that you imagine, a picture that you see in your mind, something that you see or a vision, especially as part of a supernatural expansion, expression, supernatural manifestations of God that He gives us. You know, in dreams and visions, visions is when I'm actually awake, and I'm seeing things. There are two types of vision. Well, we all know and understand we've got a natural vision, which gives us sight. Okay, so natural vision is also which birds direction, purpose of plan, and meaning for going, doing things and living a life that's got vision. Proverbs, chapter 29, verse 18, says, without a vision, the people perish. So there's a natural, natural vision that we have with what we see when I've got my eyes open. But there's also this vision about my life and what I be want to become and where I want to go. And I've got a vision. And so it's got to do with direction and purpose, and doing things in life. So the second one is supernatural visions, things that you see when your eyes are open 2 Kings, chapter 6, verses 8 to 18. In the middle of the battle in the midst of a battle, God is always at work. When natural eyes, only see the natural, God wants to open up our eyes to see the supernatural dimension. He wants us to become a person of this spirit.

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We don't fight our battles by ourselves. He wants to understand that there is a spiritual dimension, a spiritual realm that we live in. It's called the supernatural dimension. And God wants to show us supernatural visions. We are going to have a bit of a look at this. So with your bibles turn to the particular scripture that's written on you know, it's, 2 Kings chapter 6. Remember, we're talking about vision. And we're talking about natural vision even while we're awake. Aye my eyes are awake. It's God wanting our eyes to be open and to see beyond the natural the supernatural dimension that we live in. 2 Kings chapter 6. 'And there's a battle going on.' And here we see this is a servant. 'And, Elisha's servant and says in 2 Kings chapter 6 Verses 15. 'And when the servant of the men of God arose early and went out, there was an army surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servants said to him, 'Alas, my Master, what shall we do? So the servant became worried. So Elisha answered him in verse 16, said, he said, 'Do not fear for those who are with us or more than those who are with them. And Elijah prayed and said, Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see,' see, his eyes was already open naturally. But Elisha wanted his eyes to see the supernatural dimension, wanted him to get a

vision of the spiritual dimension. Elisha said, Lord, I pray open his eyes that he may see, then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man. And he saw and beyond the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha. So when the Assyrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, 'Strike these people, I pray with blindness, and he struck them with blindness according to the Word of God.' Say here in the midst of a battle that seemed impossible to win, the poor servant of Elisha was trembling, and afraid, his eyes was already open. But Elisha prayed to open his eyes to this spiritual dimension. So we're talking about visions, God wants our eyes to be open to the supernatural realm, to the supernatural dimension. And there are particular scriptures, other scriptures that you can read, go through and look at the supernatural realm. Do you know that God is there is all around us 2 Kings, chapter 2, verses 11 to 12? And Numbers, chapter 22, verses 28 to 34. And we see that God opens the eyes, not the natural eyes, but the spiritual eyes, for servants and the people to see into a spiritual dimension. Book of Revelation, the most loved and favored by our Lord Jesus, the disciple of John. Well we know John was the closest to Jesus, he was the one that rested his, his head upon Jesus's chest, the things that he heard and the things that he's seen by the naked eye, you know, it's just amazing the Book of Revelation, it reveals the things of heaven, and the things that are about to happen on the earth. And not only just the present, but the future. And we see in this particular, you know, the book of Revelation, John is taken up by spirit into the heavens, he's awake, his eyes are open. So he has lots of visions about the things of God and the throne of God, and everything about heaven and even particular things to come for the future. And we know that God wants to reveal to us things of the spiritual realm and the dimension, He wants our eyes to be open. He wants us to see the things for the now and for the future. In 1 Corinthians, chapter 2, verses 9 to 12.

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not seen, nor ear heard, nor invented into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed unto us through His Spirit, for the spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God, for what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him, even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit

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See, so the Spirit of God wants to open our spiritual eyes, it will begin to see visions, open visions, he wants us to see things. He wants to reveal the things of the Spirit for the present future and things to come. Book of Isaiah, the visions of Isaiah the son of Amos, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in Isaiah chapter 6. He was awake. He was in the temple. He had an open vision, the realm of the Spirit opened up to him. The spiritual realm of seeing with his natural eyes, natural happening, seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, feeling all the five senses of the natural man, yet it was all of the spiritual realm that he was experiencing. You read that in Isaiah chapter 6. Isaiah is there praying and seeking God, and all of a sudden the door post shake, all of a sudden, his mouth is touched with a call from up the altar of heaven, he seen all this in the natural through his eyes, but a seeing into a spiritual

realm. So understand that the vision is when our eyes are open, some practical outworking is being aware of the importance of not being or coming, I don't know things just sometimes overcome us, and we got to understand that there are practical things when we're coming into a place of seeing into the spiritual dimension. If you're going to be prophesying or praying or, or talking about dreams and visions that you may have in church or things God shows you. And we have to learn to control our emotions, Control our thinking control our feelings and ask, the Holy Spirit to help us to deliver whatever His showing us in dreams and visions. So these are some of the things I've learned practical. So look, don't be fluffy and super spiritual. We just want to be natural, and then the earth, you know, we can't control or manipulate for our own purposes. You know, it's got to do with the purposes of God. It's got to do with His will, His purposes, not just for my life, but for the lives of others. Never come to a place where you've been proud. You think, you know it all. I do not know at all. I am still learning. I may have been a Christian for 40 years, but I've still got so much more to learn. There's so much hidden things and secret things of the Kingdom of God that I'm really still desiring God to show me. When you're delivering and you're talking about dreams and visions, hey, don't be loud and boastful. Be sensitive to the needs of others. You know, it's not about hey I gotta deliver this dream or deliver this vision. I got to share it, hey, but you bring it over in the heart of humility, and hey, it's not about just me, but it's about the other people or the other person. So when we come to a place of releasing, or processing dreams and visions and things that God's shown us, being able to communicate to others and knowing what is acceptable in releasing or sharing of dreams and visions. One understand time and seasons, especially if you are in the waiting for your dreams to come to pass. Ecclesiastes chapter 3, there is a time to pull up and there is a time to plant, there is a time to die. And there is a time to be born. So there is a time and seizing in the economy of the kingdom of God. Not everything is going to happen. When sometimes we want it to happen. Understand that your dreams and vision may not come to pass in the now but maybe down the road down the future. It may so understand this times in the season, motivation. The journey Joseph had to travel for God to fashion mold and make him before he even realised he was in the place of fulfilling and the fulfillment of his dreams. Man it took years. He had to go through prison before he got into that palace.

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Man he had to lose all his relationship with his parents in his brothers and sisters and many restrictive everything. So there's a refining process that God took Joseph through hey and God increased his ability on the way to be able to interpret dreams and visions. While he was in prison, you know, he got recognised and acknowledged to be someone who could interpret dreams and visions Genesis chapter 42 verse 9, and we know that eventually, he was taken from the prison into the palace. A gift on a man's life makes room for him. Next point understanding if your dreams and visions are of or from God, they will come into pass. You know, it's not something that are going to make happen Proverbs, I just said that it's the out of the gifts that God has placed in or on our life, that we function, the best and our dreams and visions are fulfilled through them on the practical level. So you know, in Proverbs chapter 18:16, it say the gifts are a man or a woman's life, or make room for him. Don't worry, God will open doors and you'll be able to function in your gifts and your abilities. And he will give you the increase in the ability to interpret your dreams and visions. He also gives us mentors and people around our lives that we know that also have these gifts and we can talk and share and learn from each other. Ask God, asking God are these or is this a dream or vision just for me? Or is it for the church in a general or for individuals. So, some dreams and visions can be just for yourself. And we just wait on it, we reflect, we

think over, don't rush into delivering the meanings of dreams and visions. Take time to pray into it, make sure you have a witness with you, when you're going to share the dream, a vision with the person, I do this because hey it protects my life. It guards my heart, but it also protects the other person. And it guards the other person's life. What if you go and talk to a person about a dream and a vision you had about them and your there by yourself and they misunderstand you, hey, you could upset them, they could really get angry with you. You know, they could report you and you got no leg to stand on. So it's really important that you have another witness with you don't go telling dreams and visions to somebody by yourself, have a friend, someone you trust. Know, even you know, you can then go and sit and talk. If you're going to release and to share your dreams or visions with another person. In a church setting, you need to have a good relationship with your pastors and leaders. So you have an open door to release the dreams and visions. Sometimes it may not be immediate. But sometimes the pastor may say wait till next Sunday, I'll give you an opportunity to get up to release the dream or vision. So build, good relationships. You know, we're all part of the body of Christ. Hey, and the body only functions properly, when we're all working together. Hey, it's not our position, about our positions or roles, but it's about, hey, I'm in a place of fellowship in relationship with others, to be able to have the confidence to release my dreams and visions. Know the Word of God. I always say to people, I want some confirmation. Confirmation is important. And most people want to line the vision of the dream up. I say 'come on, not just give me a picture. But I want to also have if you got the Word of God, to back it up' 2 Timothy chapter 3, verse 16, hey our dreams and our visions, they are there for a particular reason. Let's just turn to that scripture into Timothy

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chapter 3, verse 6. 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.' So thank the Lord, that aye as we meditate and go over the dreams and visions that we got, it's there to encourage it's there for correction. It's their pool for proof. It's there that God is really wanting to make us complete. He's wanting to thoroughly equip us so that we're outworking God's goods works, through our gifts in our abilities, so as you grow in God, continue to wait on the Holy Spirit. Continue to foster your relationship with him and continue to grow in releasing the things that God has placed in your life. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to talk to all. So he's talking about meditating. Don't rush into things. There was 1 Timothy chapter 4 verses go from verse 12, down to verse 16. So it's talking about growing in the gifts, and you know, dreams and visions, sometimes you just have to meditate on them before you release them. So, spend some time in worship, spend some time waiting on the Holy Spirit. To hear what he is saying, and encouraging and fostering confidence. You know, we want to gather and gather the heart of the Spirit of God, we want to hear and listen to what he's saying. We want to be able to release what God is showing us in dreams and visions. And so it takes time, you know, to make sure that we're learning and growing, not just by ourselves, but with others. So this way, take some time to do that, even with a friend. You just praying with each other. And with the group in your seeking God, and you're saying, God give me give me a vision? Give me a dream. You know, is there somebody I can pray for? And what is it that you're showing me about them, and as you walk together, he will grow and increase in understanding and interpretation of dreams and visions. God bless you. Thank you for your time. I look forward to sitting near with you face to face on live streaming online and getting to know you better. God bless you. Amen. I just wanted to thank you for travelling with me and

journeying with me in this training session on School of the Spirit, becoming a person of the Spirit. I hope you've enjoyed your time with me and I look forward to the things that God may have for us up in the future as we grow and increase in becoming a person of the Spirit. God bless you and thanks very much.