

## DREAM BIG

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## PRECEPT

## JEREMIAH 29:11

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

<sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

## PROVERBS 21:5

<sup>5</sup> Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity.

## PROMISE

The beginning of the year is the perfect time to dream, plan, and commit to important life changes. Let us look at the new year as an opportunity to embrace a revitalized vision for our faith walk. No matter what has transpired in the past year, we can set goals and aspire to dream by following God's plans for us in the coming year.

Dreams define our destiny and our dignity. Also, big dreams please God because it requires great faith. The Lord wants us to move and dream big for 2024. If we dream small, we would rely on ourselves, but if we dream big, we would surely rely on God, because we know that apart from God, we cannot achieve our dreams.

There are a lot of benefits to dreaming big, including helping us grow in our faith. If a dream comes from God, it is going to be big we can't do it on our own. We can only do it by faith. Rick Warren said, "*Great faith inspires great dreams. Great dreams require great faith.*" Big dreams will allow us to trust God more. Also, dreaming big will give us clear direction in life. It will give us a purpose and a destination to reach. It provides a clear roadmap and path to follow each day toward the goal we've set. When we have a clear route, we have a clear path of what things we should do. When we understand what is most important to us, then we will provide a timeline and measurements for the achievement of our goal. If something does not match with the goals we're pursuing or helps us move towards them, then we know not to pursue those tasks. Having goals gives us a clear plan and a path to follow every day, which eliminates distraction, overwhelming feelings, and procrastination. That keeps us focused. Whatever is not contributing to the achieving our dreams, we can withdraw from doing them and focus on our dreams.

Dreams provide us motivation and inspiration. Chasing our dreams gives us something to aspire to. We will be eager and excited to do something great and will give us some satisfying purpose and meaning. Even when we experience setbacks and glitches, we will keep going. It will build momentum and excitement to carry on with life. So this year, let us chase our dreams by brainstorming with God, for He knows what's best for us. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" His dreams for us are personal, prosperous, and positive. Isaiah 28:29

also says, "*The plans God makes are wise, and they always succeed.*" Let us also involve godly dreamers. Proverbs 27:17 says, "*A friend sharpens a friend.*" and in 1 Corinthians 15:33 is says, "*Bad company corrupts good character.*" We need accountability and feedback when we're pursuing our dreams. Lastly, let us get a plan. Proverbs 21:5 tells us, "*Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity.*" Let us set a vision for ourselves and our family, and the Lord promises to us in Proverbs 16:3, "*Share your plans with the Lord, and you will succeed.*"

## PRACTICE

**1. Looking Back.** How have you seen God at work in your life this past year?

**2. Future Goals.** Share to the group what dreams you have in your heart. How are you going to give life to your dreams this year?

## PRAYER

## I. New Year

- Pray that our year may be filled with God's peace, love, and outpouring blessings.

## II. Direction

- Seek the Lord for clarity, guidance, and divine wisdom as we set our goals this year.

## III. Dreams

- May God lead us towards opportunities that will result to the fruition of our dreams.

## IV. Strength

- Pray that He may grant us the strength to overcome the obstacles that we may face.

## V. Faith

- In moments of doubt, may we be reminded of God's unfailing promises to us.

## VI. Prayer

- Let us all seek God's presence in prayer & fasting.

## VII. Worship Services

- Pray that we will all be proactive in inviting our friends & families.