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## *Hi Partners and Friends*

*We want you to know we pray for you every day and are expecting great thing for each of you.*

*The Holy Spirit reminded me that the Greek word translated GREAT in the New Testament is where we get our word MEGA from. So when we declare that this is our year of Great Grace we are saying we are expecting God to "Great Graciously act and Mega Favorably respond on our behalf with His power, ability and resources." God wants to do far over and above all we can dare ask or think (and the Amplified version adds) infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes and dreams. How big are your dreams? Have you been allowing God to deposit His dreams into your heart? His dreams lead us into our wealthy place, our place of rich fulfillment, were we flourish and fulfill His will all for His glory.*

*We love you & God Bless*  
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# He reveals to us the way

For this issue of the *Faith 2 Faith* I want to encourage you with this thought from Jer. 29:11 (from a number of translations) - God said He already knows the thoughts and plans He has for each of us (*He has already thought the thoughts and planned the plans for us*) and they are for our peace, welfare, prosperity, success. Not of evil or of harm but to give us an expected end and a hopeful future. Also in Eph 2:10 from the Amplified version God has paths for each of us to walk in - living the good life which He has prearranged and made ready for us to live.

What is the dream, the vision, the image or imagination, the desire God has given you? When you look 5 years down the road what do you see for your life? When you close your eyes do you have a clear picture of the next 5 years, an image in your imagination of a super abundant, excessive, beyond measure, superior in quality life - and what are the details? Some of you may be able to say yes but there are probably many more that would say "I haven't dreamed or used my imagination for a long time - I'm not sure what the path and plan God has for me is." You may be asking "how do I find out God's will and plan for my life?" Others may be wondering "how do I know the desires or imaginations I have are from God and not just me?" Let's look at a few scriptures to help answer that question.

Ps 37:4 says "*Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.*" One of the first things we can see in this verse is that as we delight ourselves in Him (praise and worship Him, stirring ourselves up and getting excited about Him) He begins to drop and deposit desires into our heart. For example when I started high school my parents said after I graduated I was going to go to bible school. That was not my plan or desire, not that it was a bad thing it just didn't sound exciting to me and I was not interested. But by the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade I was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues and my life radically changed. Within a few months of delighting myself in the Lord both in English and in other tongues God began depositing new desires in me and I was excited and hungry to go to bible school. Throughout the years He keeps doing it to me and he will do it for you. So as you spend time with Him our God given desires will increase and cause our desires to decrease. Then there are other desires of ours that are actually more like wishes because we know the will of God and that desire doesn't really fit. For example we desire to live in a warmer climate all year long without any snow but we know based on the will of God for us and what He has told us that we are to be here - so it is more of a wish because we will do as He wills and not as we will. That does not mean we can't have a second home in a warmer climate to go rest,

vacation, pray, hang out and be refreshed in. Do you see the difference between His and our desires?

Now let's look at the next verse (verse 5) "*Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.*" Commit or roll your way to the Lord. What way? I am reading a book by Terri Savelle Foye called "Imagine Big" and she said she learned this from Mac Hammond (a pastor in Minneapolis) - the way is the way your desires are pointing you. Your God given desires are pointing or directing you **THAT WAY**. They are revealing to you what the Lord has planned for you over the next 5 years, 10 years and to fulfill them you have to go that way. The desires that God gives us are way bigger than what we can do in ourselves so we may tend to dismiss them or water them down. But no, we are to commit them to the Lord. We say "Lord I commit to You the way to fulfill this desire, to accomplish it, I trust You and thank You for bringing it to pass." In verse 23 the Bible says "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.*" and in Isaiah 48:17 "*Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way that you should go.*" When He orders or directs our steps He is leading us by a certain or specific way that we are to go. Remember Eph 2;10, He said He has paths for us to walk in - and one of the ways He leads us is by giving us desires to show us the path or pathway we are to walk in.

Now that is all well and fine but most people never act on their desires and settle for whatever they are doing and just exist - wake up, eat, go to work, go home, eat and go to bed only to repeat the same thing the next day. Hab. 2:2-3 tells us to write the vision and make it plain ("*Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.*") We need to write the vision, the dreams the desires, the imaginations that God has deposited into us so we can keep them before our eyes in order to run in that direction or way.

But many of us have written the vision or dream and then put it in a drawer or binder and forgot about it, wishing it would come to pass by itself. Phil 3:13-14 "*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" The Apostle Paul said I have not got ahold of everything, but I have got ahold of this one thing for sure, I forget what is behind and I reach forward to what is ahead (writing the goals to the dreams and desires). Then I put action to those goals and go **THAT WAY** in order to obtain the prize and fulfill the dream and accomplish the God given desires.

The Holy Spirit said through James in James 1:25 that it is the doers who are blessed - not just the dreamers or the desirers. Make your goals attainable and track them (making adjustments as needed) as you do them and the blessing of the Lord will empower you to accomplish His desires He has placed on the inside of you.

The next 5 years of your life can be the greatest years ever - where you are actually living your dreams or they can just be another 5 years, 5 birthdays and 5 years closer to death.

You choose - God is waiting on you to join Him to make things happen, all for His glory.

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Mark 9:23 "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes"

Do you wonder why some people seem so blessed and have their dreams come true and yet others don't? I think this quote from Jesus explains the difference between seeing dreams become reality or just staying as dreams that "someday" will happen!

This works even if you are not a Christian because God has set this principle up and as a law it works for anyone. How much more should it work because you are a Christian and know the One who created this principle.

Many people have proven this over and over by daring to dream and believe that it can be done. Jim Carrey, a successful actor from Canada, used to drive his vehicle on a hill that overlooked Hollywood where he would sit and dream. He imagined being a successful actor and as a part of that, he wrote a cheque to himself for \$10 million and postdated it "Thanksgiving 1995." The memo line read "for acting services rendered." By 1994, his asking price per movie was \$20 million. He looked at his dream every day and built up his belief in his dream that it could and would happen.

When Dodie Osteen, a pastor's wife, was very sick with cancer, she knew she had to have a vision of health if she was going to beat this disease. So she went through her picture albums and found pictures of herself from when she was perfectly healthy and put them throughout her house. She knew she needed to see those pictures every day to see herself healed, healthy and whole. She looked at her dream, spoke the Word and built up her belief in it every day till she was perfectly healed.

There was a man who failed in business in 1831, was defeated for the legislature in 1832. Failed in business again in 1833, then was elected to the legislature in 1834. His sweetheart died in 1835. He had a nervous breakdown in 1836. He was defeated for speaker in 1838, defeated for land officer in 1843, defeated for Congress in 1843. In 1846 he was elected to Congress then defeated in 1848 for reelection. Again he was defeated in 1855 for the Senate and defeated in 1856 for vice-president. Then in 1858 he was defeated for the Senate once again. Then in 1860 he was elected as president of the United States – his name – Abraham Lincoln.

God has already provided for our dreams in every area of our lives by giving us His word, His son, the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He has enlightened us and given us revelation knowledge of what He wants for us and His plan for this day and age – now it is up to us to receive it. How do we receive it? By believing! We use our faith on purpose to believe. Believe for what? Whatever is needed, wanted, desired. It can be very personal, something very meaningful to you or it can be to make a difference in other's lives. Even when something only seems to be for yourself, it can still make a difference for someone else.

Jesus Himself told us all things are possible to him who believes. How do you believe? You believe with your heart. You choose on purpose to believe and then speak that over your situation, whatever you are believing for. You might find that you start speaking something (healing, prosperity, peace, freedom, joy, direction scriptures etc.) on purpose but you can tell it is not yet in your heart. That's okay, just keep speaking till the belief changes.

For example eleven years ago I was in a car accident and went without a vehicle for almost two years. I was very young in faith but I knew God said in His word in Philippians 4:19 that He would supply all of my need. I chose to believe and therefore speak that over my situation. I was in need of a vehicle. I did not let the circumstances dictate how things would be in my life. The circumstances had to change and bow to the authority of God's word. By continually speaking over my circumstances that my need was met, the belief that I would have my own vehicle debt free continued to grow and grow until I could tell it was in my heart in abundance. Then one day after a church service someone blessed me with a lovely car debt free! Glory to God! My need was MET! Now since that time I have been blessed with two vehicles debt free because I dared to believe God's word.

All of the people I mentioned chose to believe in their dream and refused to let go or give up. They persevered until they saw the victory and you can too. Choose to believe every day and you will not ever regret making that stand!