

Chapter 4 – Everything Starts with a Dream

1. Reflect for a moment on someone whose personal dreams were contagious and motivated you to pursue your own dreams. What was it about them that challenged you to accomplish your aspirations?
2. Read Genesis 37. How did young Joseph handle his dreams? Discuss how this might apply to you as you seek to be the “steward” of the hopes and dreams God lays on your heart and mind?
3. It’s one thing to think big and have lofty dreams; it’s another thing to see them come true. What are the necessary ingredients that make the difference?
4. Complete this thought: “Some of my dreams are so big, only God can make them happen. For example . . .”

Prayer: Father, help me to know the difference between the dreams You give me and those that come from my own mind and emotions. Help me know how to confirm my dreams and aspirations by Your Word. Give me the staying power to pursue the dreams You give me all the way to fulfillment. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Chapter 5 – Get Out of the Boat

1. Based on what you know about your personal talents and skills, what are some of the things you believe God can accomplish through your life?
2. What are some of the limitations or handicaps that may be keeping you from stepping out of the “boat”? Discuss times you’ve seen people move out into impossible circumstances or turbulent situations and succeed. What were the factors in their success?
3. What motivated you to “get out of the boat” and trust Christ as your Savior? Were you influenced by someone in particular? If so, who?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17. What were some of the natural fears that could have kept David from going forward to take on Goliath? What enabled him to be victorious?
5. Complete this statement: “I know that faith is stronger than fear, so I will exercise my faith by . . .”

Prayer: Father, may I always recognize Your voice when You call me out on the water. Help me to be so focused on You that I will not sink in fear and anxiety. Give me the boldness to step out every time You call. In Jesus’ name, Amen.