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THE DREAM

The Dream Exchange

The History of Paul

Isa 55:9 (NIV) "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

SLIDE 1:

Paul had what could be considered the perfect childhood:

Phil 3:4-6 (NIV) . . . I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

- **circumcised on the eighth day,**
- **of the people of Israel,**
- **of the tribe of Benjamin,**
- **a Hebrew of Hebrews;**
- **in regard to the law, a Pharisee;**
- **as for zeal, persecuting the church;**
- **as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.**

SLIDE 2:

Acts 22:3 (NIV)

- **I am a Jew,**
- **born in Tarsus of Cilicia,**
- **but brought up in this city.**
- **Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and**
- **was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.**
- **In Acts 22:27-28 Paul reveals that he was born a Roman citizen.**

SLIDE 3:

Like Paul many of you already had a dream of your own from your youth.

Many times our dream consists of social, financial, and professional success; but, often it doesn't include spiritual success.

Our dream for our life typically takes the direct route.

God's dream for our life has to be achieved indirectly.

HOW: Mat 6:33 (NIV) But SEEK FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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Why does God often change our dream in such a drastic way?

Acts 9:3-6 (NIV) As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting," He replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

SLIDE 5:

The old dream takes a lot of hard effort. The new dream uses the power of God.

HOW: Mat 11:28-30 (NIV) "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

SLIDE 6:

We have to trust God for our new dream.

2 Cor 12:2-4 (NIV) I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows--was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

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HOW: Isa 55:9 (NIV) "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

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When our plans are going well, it is hard to allow God to change our plans. Are we going to make the turn?

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A Look Into The Future

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Ask God to transform your life.