

“The Ministry of Mending Broken Lives”

God’s Dream Series

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- We are living in a world that has forgotten what truth is. As a matter of fact, truth is relative. We, as Christians, need to know what we believe because our behavior and life style is a reflection of that belief. Our belief systems guide how we live our life. So God’s word is more than a life style message.
- Today we are beginning a series entitled “God’s Dream”. There are four elements of the Gospel which is the essence of the bible from cover to cover. These elements are:
 1. God’s Dream: God’s original intention.
 2. Satan’s Deception: the answer to why everything is messed up today.
 3. Christ’s Substitution: the legalities of redemption. He legally purchased us back for a relationship with Him.
 4. Man’s Restoration: the main business of the church today. Our business is the restoration of people’s lives and our world.
- Why do we call Adam and Eve’s sin – the fall? Because through sin man fell from his lofty place of dominion and relationship with God to this lower position today.
- Through the cross and Christ’s substitution, God legally purchased back for us God’s original intention that was lost in the fall.
- When Jesus went to the cross it was a **legal transaction**. That is why the “cross” is the crux of the whole gospel.
- Through legal redemption (the cross), all Satan’s control and bondage over our lives has been broken.
- When you understand this, you will find your authority in Christ. You will become radical - in Him - and take authority over the enemy’s onslaughts against your life.
- Satan has **no right** to bind you with fear. **No right** to torment your mind. **No right** to depress you. **No right** to take your kids. **No right** to steal your marriage. **No right** to steal your finances. He has **no right** to destroy your life. His power has been legally broken over you and you are free to take back what he has stolen. You have the right to take that authority over the enemy.
- The church’s business is not just worship, or fellowship. It is not just about helping the poor, praying, or missions. Though that is a part of it. *We only rise to our loftiest view of life.*
- We all respond in our personal lives to our core belief system and will function out of that.
- Christians and certain church circles have different focuses on what they believe it is all about.
 1. Some focus only on new creation realities that Paul laid out in the Epistles. This is called “new creation reality”. This will make your main focus only to live in victory. This is not all God intended.
 2. Some focus only on the Gospels – which make you “life style” focused.
 3. Some focus only on the Old Testament journeys of Israel. Christianity becomes a series of wilderness experiences with few mountain tops in between. Your whole focus becomes getting out of the wilderness.

4. Some focus only on the Ten Commandments and become law oriented. This will make you a legalistic Christian.
 5. Revelation focus – you develop an escapism mentality.
- What should our focus be? **We should be dream focused, God's original intention focused!!!** Our job is to restore our own lives and then go about helping others restore their lives.
 - God will even use us to help restore others in areas we don't have completely restored in our own lives (i.e. Smith Wigglesworth's battle with painful kidney stones while conducting healing crusades.)
 - When we get this, a light comes on! And we understand it *isn't about us in the first place*. It is about what Christ has done and will do in response to a child like faith.
 - We have to be dream oriented, God's dream. His original intention is only found in the garden – the first two chapters of Genesis. It isn't even found in the Gospels with Jesus' life style.
 - Jesus came and lived in a fallen world. He became **poor** so that we could become **rich**. But don't be confused. This is not a money or materialist thing.
 - Jesus is our substitute on the cross so that we could have a rich life, living God's original intention. As Paul said, "richly to enjoy!"
 - Here are some examples of God's original intention explained in Genesis:
 1. God made man in His image and likeness – the Hebrew translation of this is an "exact replication". He did this so that we could have a unique relationship of love and close fellowship with Him. This is not a servant – master relationship. But rather one of family and father to child.
 2. God gave man total authority and dominion. If we truly understood this, we would be radical and bold to take charge over sickness and brokenness.
 - As a young man, Pastor Rick learned he could speak healing over people. When he stepped out in this authority, people got healed (i.e. the lady with the growth on her neck).
 - Pastor Rick also learned he had authority over demonic spirits. This is not just "preacher" stuff. This kind of authority is the specialty of any child of God that understands their authority in Christ Jesus.
 - This is not an excuse to go crazy. But what is worse is a Christian life that is **lethargic!!**
 - People think we don't deal with demons today but it is needed more today than ever before!
 - When we pray for someone addicted to pornography – we must deal with the demon that comes in through the door opened for it. If we don't deal with the "strong man" then Satan will be able to come back and hold us again.