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...isn't it time you took a step of faith?

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“To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.” – Anatole France

As crazy as it sounds, I have preached some of my best sermons in my sleep! That’s right; I will awake in the morning feeling equal parts refreshed and exhausted from having delivered a powerful message from God’s Word.

Usually, when that happens, I try to find a tablet as soon as possible and jot down a few notes before the main points fade from my memory. If I remember enough of the sermon, I will preach that message again – only this time, when both my audience and I are wide awake.

Doctors tell us that dreaming while asleep is essential for our mental, emotional and physical health. Even birds and other mammals experience REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. In fact, our English beagle, often twitches, blinks and barks in his sleep... probably while chasing a rabbit or some other prey.

Unconscious dreaming is definitely important, but dreaming with our eyes open is even more critical. Dreams are what motivate people: inventors, entrepreneurs and yes, preachers.

From 1982 to 1987, I had one recurring “eyes open” dream. I imagined taking a team of Christian athletes across the country, playing softball games to attract an audience, and then using that platform to tell others about Jesus.

After five years of dreaming – and praying and seeking godly counsel – I finally decided to act. As a result of putting “feet to my faith”, I have had the privilege of witnessing to an estimated 500,000 inmates in approximately 500 different correctional institutions across North America and Africa.

As Richard Bach puts it, “You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however.”

My friend, a dream that is never acted on is worthless. Follow your dreams... today!

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.” Joel 2:28 (NKJV)

- Rev. Dale M. Glading, President

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him...” (Hebrews 11:6)

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