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DARING FAITH: Daring To Imagine— Pastor Alton Trimble
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ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU IS YOUR IMAGINATION

THREE (3) CATEGORIES IN THE BIBLE:

- Some things we *SHOULDN'T* imagine
- Some things we *CAN'T* imagine
- Some things we *SHOULD* imagine

1 JOHN 3:2 *"Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. (NLT)*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 *Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (NLT)*

EIGHT (8) THINGS I'VE LEARNED ABOUT GOD-INSPIRED IMAGINATION

1. My imagination shapes my life.

PROVERBS 23:7 *"...For as a man thinks in his heart, so he is." (KJV)*

PROVERBS 4:23 *"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." (TEV)*

GENESIS 11:6 *The Lord said, "Now that they are one people speaking one language; this is only the beginning of what they will do. Now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them!" (Amp)*

2. Imagining is essential to living by faith.

HEBREWS 11:1 *"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for IS going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see." (NLT)*

GOD GAVE HUMAN TWO (2) WAYS OF SEEING:

1. By physical vision through your eyes
2. By imagination in your mind

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 *"We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever." (NCV)*

3. Great lives are built around great dreams.

EPHESIANS 1:18 “May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope THAT HIS CALLING HOLDS for you.” (NJB)

PROVERBS 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” (KJV)

4. God’s Dream for my life is bigger than my dream.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 “God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. ... So Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in Jesus! Glory in all the generations! Glory to God forever and ever!” (Mes)

5. Doubt is the enemy of imagination.

JAMES 1:5-7 “If you need wisdom, just ask God for it, because He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. But when you ask God, you must believe and not doubt. For a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven back and forth, and tossed about by the wind. Such doubters cannot decide about anything they do, so they should not imagine receiving anything from the Lord.” (NCV)

MARK 9:22-24 “The man said “Please heal my son if you can.” Jesus replied “What do you mean, ‘If I can?’ Anything is possible IF a person believes.” The father replied, “I do believe, but help me not to doubt!” (NLT)

6. God’s Spirit & God’s Word fuel my imagination.

These are the 2 sources God provides for your dream.

1st, He gives us His own Spirit:

JOHN 14:16-17 “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth. You’ll know him, because he lives with you and will be IN you!” (GW)

2nd God’s Word

PSALM 119:18; 27 “Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law... Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful miracles.”(NLT)

THE KEY TO A STRONGER, HEALTHIER IMAGINATION:

- A DAILY QUIET TIME

JOB 33:14-15 “God speaks again and again, though people often do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, and in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in bed.” (NLT)

Isaiah 50:4 (NLT) “The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so I know what to say to all these weary ones. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will.”

7. Growing my character will clarify my vision.

II Peter 1:5-9 “To your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love for everyone. IF all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to BE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who does not have these things CANNOT SEE CLEARLY.” (NCV)

8. If a dream is from God, it will be connected somehow to His Church & Plan for the World.

Matthew 28:16-20 “Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (NKJV)

MARK 8:35 “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” (NLT)

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