

**“Dreamers”**

**Hebrews 11:1-2**

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- **What is the plot of a good made for TV movie?**
  - **A person with an impossible circumstance overcomes obstacles to fulfill a dream.**

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- **People say all I care about is church growth. I have been told that I preach on church growth too much.**
- **In all honesty, I do preach on it more than most...not only from the pulpit, but also personal conversations.**
- **I have a hard time talking about anything outside the doors of the church other than talking about the church.**
- **Because I have a dream, I have a hope, and I have a vision**

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**Hebrews 11:1-2**

- 1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2) For by it the elders obtained a good report.

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**“Without “hope” there would be no substance of faith”**

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- 1. Hope Puts the Worth in Waiting

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## Patience to Wait

Romans 8:24-25

24) For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25) But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

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## Dreamers

1. Hope Puts the Worth in Waiting
2. Dreamers Are Typically Not Popular

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## Martin Luther King, Jr.

- "I Have a Dream" Speech
  - August 28, 1963
- Assassinated
  - April 4, 1968

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## Joseph – King of Dreams

### Genesis 37:18-20

18) And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19) And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20) Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

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## Jesus Christ

### John 4:44

44) For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

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## Without Vision People Perish

### Proverbs 29:18

18) Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

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## The Word of the Lord was Rare

### 1 Samuel 3:1

1) And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

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## We Are in the Day of Open Vision

### Acts 2:16-21

16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

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## We Are in the Day of Open Vision

### Acts 2:16-21

19) And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21) And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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## God Wants Us to Have “Things Hoped For”

### Hebrews 11:6a

6) But without faith it is impossible to please him: ...

NOTE: Faith is the “substance of things hoped for” (Hebrews 11:1)

6) But without (the substance of things hoped for) it is impossible to please him: ...

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**We Seek God By  
Pursuing Our Hopes**

Hebrews 11:6b

6) ... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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**The church has made it 60-years because those before looked to the future and did not focus on the previous 60-years**

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**“We don’t play to not lose;  
we play to win.”**

**Coach Bill Satterfield**

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