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AIEFM: Dream Big & Work Hard

"NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE..." — EPH 3:20

WEEK 3

Direct people to my blog and Breaking through Spiritual Barriers messages.

What set MLK apart from others?

- He dreamed **BIGGER DREAMS.**
- He worked **HARDER.**

You were born for greatness / overcome hardships? / look up and not around? / be fruitful? — WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

We start out dreaming of greatness...

Buzzer-beater / But life progressed => almost great, goodness, adequateness, survival
MONSTER.COM VIDEO / I'm not willing to settle for that. Almost isn't enough.

Dreamers & Workers

What kind of person are you?

Dreamer _____ *Worker*

Joseph, the **DREAMER.**

Genesis 37:2-28 (p. 27)

His dreams were **GOD'S DREAMS** for him.

Joseph, the **WORKER.**

Genesis 39:1-6a, 20-23

He became **FAITHFUL** wherever he was.

Working at Carl's Jr. hearing the story of the other worker's hard work.

Joseph the **DREAM WORKER.**

Genesis 41:15-40

His passage through **DISCOURAGEMENT**
led to the **FULFILLMENT** of his dreams.

Why do dreams die?

- Dreams die when the dreamer doesn't **WORK.**
- Dreams die when the dreamer works **ALONE.**
- Dreams die when they are **TOO SMALL.**
- Dreams die when the dreams **AREN'T FROM GOD.**

Dreaming of Southside Church (Jeff's confessions)

From the time I was really young, God gave me a heart's passion to see his church united again... Vision for Chicago / Call to Church Planting / Anger / Lafayette journey

Verses that slap me:

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:12-14

"...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:8-9

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:16-21

My Dream (is it God's dream?)

That we would catalyze a movement of Christ-communities empowered by God's Spirit to see positive change in the lives of people across the street and around the world.

Phases: one community / many communities / Northside community??

Your Next Step Might Be...

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- **(MAYBE YOUR OWN)**
- By **CONNECTING** to God, His Word, and His People.

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