

The 'I Have a Dream Today' Portion of the Message Preached – 3rd July 2022

To be God incarnate, to be more like Jesus in our locational and relational neighbourhoods, is the ONLY antidote to excarnation. THE CALL on us as a church is to be a GREATER incarnation of heaven ON earth than we have ever been because NOTHING can deal with excarnation like incarnation.

When Jesus sent the 72 no name apostles or missionaries out in Matthew 10 OR Luke 10, it was His strategic choice because He knew it was the only method that comes from heaven. It was what God the Father did with Him. God sent his incarnation into the world – Jesus sent 72 no names into villages to be God incarnate there, to address excarnation supernaturally with a specific process. It is this process, this Jesus way of doing things that I dream about more and more as we begin moving into this new season.

I have a dream today, a dream rooted deep in the God of Heaven's dream. It is Jesus' strategy expressed in Matthew 10 and Luke 10.

I have a dream that we'll start praying together as a mission company, asking the Lord of the Harvest to show us the places He has prepared for us to go. Knowing that as we submit to Christ, He will show us that we don't need to feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. We don't need to randomly pick places to go, but be assured that God has already prepared places for us to go and we just need to hear from Him together and send each other out to join God in the places where He's already working. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that once God has shown us the places, we will begin praying specifically for and in those places. I can see faithful people supporting no name missionaries by spending weeks, even months 'prayer walking' in each other's allocated harvest field, asking God to open and soften hearts in those spheres. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that through these prayers, Father God will start divinely introducing us to 'persons of peace' who are willing to receive and respond to the gospel truth, right where they are, right where they live, learn, work or play – and then, learning together how to disciple each other in those spheres. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that new disciples will celebrate what God is doing when and where that's possible with the wider church family, sharing stories of God's power and mercy, generating a momentum for more of the same. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that as we begin to live that Shema lifestyle in each of these places, meeting needs and serving people through acts of kindness, healing the sick and introducing them to the eternal resources of heaven, that the Kingdom of God will advance, and God's kingdom rule will slowly but surely replace the rule of this world, ensuring that human hearts are redeemed, and homes, villages, and cities - transformed. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that the 'persons of peace' will gather with each of you who are called to the places God has sent you, continuing to reproduce the same strategy and method that Jesus sent you and us out with – learning to trust the Holy Spirit together, to speak to those new persons of peace who are being engaged through the Word and the Shema lifestyle of Christ's ambassadors, as these seekers ask their questions. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that the emphasis of the discipling will lead to immediate obedience in new disciples, a passion to pray, and a commitment to be sent by Jesus to a place He is already working and allow God to show these new no name missionaries, the people they need to share with. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that bunches of new disciples who know how to disciple, will gather around people who look, feel, taste, sound like and smell fragrant like Jesus, together, organically that is, supernaturally, drawing more and more to Jesus (like he said would happen) and that whole people groups would be being rescued and baptized together, beginning to function together as new churches, relationally connected and supported by the Hub and that this would empower the Hub to become more and more the mission motivating conference, the equipping and ministry HOME base camp for all that's happening at the front. I have a dream today.

And I have a dream that if we allow God to lead us into this sort of messiness, that He is faithful, and will show us what each next step needs to be, in order to stay true to His primary purpose of redemption – and that EVERYDAY, the Lord will add to our number, those who ARE BEING REDEEMED - the lost who are being found and with our help and support (with whatever we can bring to the table as our gift of service – as our offering back to Father God), that the lost will find their way back home. I have a dream today.

Do you?

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