



What do you dream about? How big are your dreams? When we were young we would have amazing dreams, well I did any way, I hope you did? When you were six years old, what did you want to be when you grew up? Well, when I was six, I wanted to play football (soccer to you) for Manchester United. I would watch them every time they would be on television and eventually I got to go and see them play at Old Trafford which is called the “Theater of Dreams.” I had so many dreams of running out on the pitch, scoring goal after goal and to hear the crowd go wild and chant my name! This was the best I could imagine for myself as I grew up, it was the ultimate dream. However in reality, I would never play for them, or run out on that field and hear the crowd chant my name, it wasn’t going to happen! But what I did discover over time that the dreams I had for my life pale into the background compared to what God has dreamed and planned for me. So what is God’s dream for our lives? What are the highest mountains that he places before us to climb and the experiences that he hopes for you and me to have? He has a dream for you and he has had before you were ever born. His dream is for us to live our lives in fulfillment of his dreams and plans for us. His dream is for us to live faithful lives and give Jesus our all. 1 Corinthians 10:31 tells us “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” In absolutely everything we do — even down to how we drink that energy drink after we work out or sip our favorite Starbucks — we do it for the glory of God. How on earth can the way I drink my favorite drink bring

glory to God? Well, it's to make us realize that all areas of our lives has to be given to God, the big things and the simple things, God wants us to live authentic lives so that people see him in everything we do. We need to drink and eat, work and play, love and serve in ways that strive to win the world for Jesus. Whatever we are going do, we will do it in a way that will let others see what God has done for us, and how much his love means to us. You see it's all about God and not about ourselves. It's total surrender!

It is so easy for us to live for the glory of the world. It's a temptation that for sure is strong enough to lure countless millions, even here in America, away from God. Sure, the world can give you money and fame but as soon as it starts to fade away you are left alone. We spend so much time compromising that along the way that we

lose sight of the dream God had for us. My dear friends, the riches that God wants to give you will not only satisfy your heart today but will endure forever. I urge you not to make the mistake of thinking that only the mega-rich are in danger. Most of us will not have an opportunity to make lots of money, win a major championship, appear on the cover of a magazine, or own mansions in multiple countries. I won't enjoy the dream I had as a child of being rich and famous. I won't hear the roar of the crowd when I take the field but if I continue to faithfully follow God's plan for my life I will hear the applauds coming from Heaven!

Why would we want to exchange the blessings of God for a few more likes on Facebook, followers on Instagram, or comments about that outfit or a pat on the back and miss out on living your life to the fullness of God's plan? We cannot out-dream God's good plans for us. "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" 1 Corinthians 2:9. To receive it, we simply need to come each day before God and seek him out. We need to look to Jesus and not the world to meet our deepest longings and desires. The happiness that we get from following and serving God is free to us but it is not cheap. Why do I say that? Well, it will certainly take patience, hard work, and perseverance. Now I know for me they are hard things to do but I have learnt that they are a vital part of God's plan for my life. Timothy reminds us that the Christian life is a race and a fight so it is going to hurt along the way, but you'll never regret it. Jesus may ask a lot of you and me between here and heaven, but he promises to supply all the strength we need for every step of the way. It will be everything you ever could have dreamed for yourself, and so much more.

