

GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY DREAM

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Sermon Notes



God is a dreamer, and the author of Dreams!

QOD: What's the most ridiculous dream you've ever had or heard about?

The story of creation itself lends us great insight into his mind. In Genesis Chapter 1, And God said, let there be... and there it was. What came out of his creation tells us the ingenuity of his mind!

But God is not only an author of dreams, he loves to make those a reality!

And he saw it was good!

He takes pleasure, in making things beautiful (He makes all things beautiful in his time).

A 10-year-old boy decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident. The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training the master had taught him only one move. "Sensei," (Teacher in Japanese) the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?" "This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied. Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. "No," the sensei insisted, "Let him continue." Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament. He was the champion. On the way home, the boy and sensei reviewed every move in each and every match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind.

"Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm." The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength. That's the power of God's incredible dream!

Mavuno today is a growing church. Its new, fresh innovative ministry, and passionate teaching of God's word lead to real life transformation. **Turning ordinary people into Fearless influencers of society.**

At the achievement of a dream, what's the one thing we immerse ourselves into? A party! A celebration, a moment to take it all in and say imela! Thank you! You have turned out mourning into dancing! You have given us hope in the face of hopeless circumstance.

What's normally at the end of every dream?

Happy endings, fairy tales, celebrations, high fives, fun, reflection etc.

When Peter experienced probably the most significant experience in the New Testament, standing with Moses, Elijah and Jesus on the mount of transfiguration, he was at the epitome of the dream. Standing with the fullness of the Law, Power and Grace. **Matthew 17:4** *“Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”*

Let’s build a camp here!

Our nature begs to sit and revel and bask in the fulfilment of a dream. Our achievements drive us to build a camp at a good place and to enjoy. I mean it’s only fair. Like Timon and Pumbaa when they come to lush green part of the jungle, they are so thrilled they wouldn’t go anywhere else!

I mean when we hear of the:

- a. Salvation stories- over 300
- b. Ndoa stories – 240 couples
- c. KPS - and the incredible giving here 673M UGX in 2015
- d. Children’s Ministry – Over 200 Kids
- e. Life with a sense of purpose – 300 in Mizizi
- f. Our city being influenced by Mavunites who are determined to change the city. **Nancy Kacungira.**

I want you to know this is never because of one man’s brilliance, or effort or genius. **This is the realization of God’s incredible dream to change lives. Thank You Lord! We celebrate your work**

Psalms 96

***1**Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
3Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
4For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

From monument to movement

Every time we come to a celebration service, it’s easy to be taken up in the beauty of the moment and lost in the wonder of the journey. Every one of us has an opportunity to either hang their pursuit and create a little safe place where we hang pictures of what was or, we can take a look and say, Dear God, do you have more? Can we have more? Can we see more?

We can either build a monument to the past, or create movement to the future

But God wants to show us how BIG his dream is

He is saying, look: You think you’ve achieved great things? You think you’ve seen amazing stories? You think you’ve known my power? Wait till I show you my dream!

God’s dream is to multiply all he has done here to many others
While we rejoice and celebrate

- a. Big numbers of our generation are jaded by life and giving up
- b. Corruption still weakens the future of our nation.
- c. Marriages are still faced with incredible challenges
- d. Many haven’t heard yet that there’s life

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And so I'll tell you what God's dream is, let's take what we have here, and blow it up!

Multiply what you've had and don't you dare settle In the shade of yesterday while my dream for you is waiting.

It's time to be refreshed so we can refresh others!

I want to refresh you so you can refresh others. Help others find what you have found.

Mizizi is our tool of disciple ship. From church to schools, to boardrooms and kitchens to farmlands, we are opening up discipleship from the inside out.

Take this tool and introduce others to a life of purpose and Christ.

We are taking the most daring, bold move yet. The refresh challenge, happening in our life groups is God's fulfilment of his dream about Mavuno and changing others.

The next 3 months are going to redefine a lot of things for pretty much every one here. We will study, we will laugh, we will cry, we will wrestle with what God is doing. In the meantime, the Holy Spirit will sweep through your soul.

No more prayer less living

Careless giving and worthless pursuits

And make you his agent to fulfill his dream.

The Holy Spirit is saying, it's time to take a leap in to the dream!

We will also put you in the company of the fearless. Our Life groups are getting refreshed. For a while now, many have misunderstood the concept of life groups, but in the next season, you will be amazed at what will happen in these small groups. These are not hangouts, bible studies, church meetings or even organized eat out joints. You will encounter the power of another person of the same persuasion as yourself and what that can do to you.

We've created zones for administrative purposes, so you can have a geographical identity. So you can have people near where you do life, and so you can have pastoral care and leadership at arm's length. You will get to discover where you are.

6 years ago, some fearless people took a leap. It never looked like it made sense then. But look what God has done now.

We could have built a monument around God's success in Nairobi, but they decided to not **build a monument to the past, but to create a movement to the future** ministry

- a. Pray for people who've given up on their dreams
- b. Go sign up for the Refresh challenge with your LG. You have been allocated a zone at the table that's based on your location. Someone will show you where you belong, or will assign you somewhere