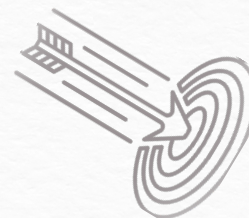


DAY 2

GOD HAS A DREAM / INTENTIONAL GROWTH [IG]



PONDER

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

-Romans 12:2 [NLT]

PLUNGE

God has a will for your life. Or we may even say, 'God has a dream for your life.' This dream is beautiful and special. In God's own words, it is *good, pleasing and perfect*. Can you imagine that for a moment? The creator of breathtaking sunsets has a fine, delightful and excellent plan for your life! Wow!

Here's the catch though. If you want to discover this marvelous dream and live it out in fullness here on earth, you will have to change the way you think. There is no way around it.

Intentional Growth must begin with intentional thinking. Eliminating old, ugly, rebellious thoughts and embracing new, beautiful, obedient God thoughts every minute of every day moving forward. Disciplined focus will be imperative to discern God's divine favor.

COPYCATS NEVER GROW

The reason why people feel so lost today is because their thoughts are scattered trying to copy somebody else. They are busy trying to fit in, trying to find out what others are doing and have neglected the progress of their own lives. This is how nightmares begin. By being socially distracted and heavenly disengaged.

Social media tech companies clearly understand human's hunger for identity so they have tailored their platforms to cause a mass frenzy of folks following somebody else. But more than ever people are losing themselves and drowning God's beautiful dream for their lives in a sea of ideas and values that viciously attack God's good, pleasant, and perfect will.

People's identity is being stolen as they try to desperately find it. Their minds are tuned in to the whispers of this culture:

'Copy someone else. Like someone else.
Follow someone else. Do what everyone
else is doing. Do this every day of your life,
every hour of your day. Don't miss out.'

Following this pattern will rob you from finding God's plan. The enemy will hijack your mind so you have no time or energy left to seek God's word and discover His will for your life.

This is the definition of failure: To die without knowing and fulfilling God's purpose for your life. Success in the other hand means to learn and live out God's will for your life to the fullest.

CHANGE YOUR MIND, CHANGE YOUR LIFE

When you stop copying someone else's story you will begin writing your own. What story will you choose? Failure or success? It's one or the other:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that [you] may have life and have it abundantly."

-John 10:10 [ESV]

The devil has a nightmare planned for you. God has a marvelous dream. The moment you shift your thoughts from the world to God's word, that dream starts coming to life. God can change your story, but He can't change your thinking. You have to do that.

Thoughts are so powerful that they can open or shut the door to the salvation of your soul. Jesus first sermon said, '*Repent of your sins and turn to God*' (Matthew 4:17). The word repent is the Greek word *metanoia* which means to change your mind. In other words, you can't even have a soul conversion without first having a mind transformation.

If this is true of your eternal soul, imagine how much more of your life here on earth. If you want to enjoy God's dream for you, you must embrace God's thoughts.

A NEW HUNGER FOR HIS WORD

As you advance in this 21 day fast, pray for a brand new hunger

and love for the word of God. Ask God that you will crave it more than you crave food, your cell phone, or any other common comfort in life. The Bible is a collection of powerful God thoughts waiting to be unearthed from His mind and planted in your mind so His will can be known and adopted.

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

–Romans 12:2 [NIV]

Plant these truths inside your mind:

- **God commands you to change.** ‘Be transformed’ He says. Change is a *must* not a *may*. You can’t stay in neutral and expect progress.
- **The focus of change is you not them.** A change within you will lead to a change around you. But it must begin with you.
- **Change inside my heart occurs with change inside my head.** You must think about what you think to stay on course.
- **I will be transformed by the renewing of my mind.** Not maybe, not possibly, but certainly. This is God’s promise.

PRAYER

Lord, help me discover your dream for my life which is pleasant and beautiful. Help me focus my mind on the thoughts You have for me and not everybody else’s. Show me where my thinking needs to change as I dive into Your word and help me understand your plan for each area of my life. Thank you for giving me hope for my future knowing it is a *good and pleasing and perfect* future, according to your own will. Amen.