

Where Are We Heading?

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I look around me and see many people with a wealth of potential locked up inside of them, and the ability to reach far beyond the limits set by their circumstances. Society has begun to measure one's ability to succeed by looking at the things which, according to man, enables one to succeed. In my short lifetime of nearly twenty-three years I have learnt that this is not always the case. Everything we can touch, feel and see are all things which are perishable, whereas our dreams, goals and desires, the driving force for achieving success, lies far deeper than the eye can see.

Sadly, we live in a world where people have lost faith in God, which is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. It seems that people rather place their faith in the visible and the proof of things they hope for. This results in the limiting of their imagination, their abilities, and ultimately their goals to what they can see around them. Today we are sitting with a nation impregnated with a wealth of visions, some that can change communities, cities, and even the world, yet with inability to produce favourable results.

I believe God wants to liberate us into dreaming and reaching beyond these self-imposed limits through a genuine faith in Him. Having faith in God doesn't minimize our own frailties or incapability, but it does acknowledge that despite these God is able to fulfil the desires of our hearts.

"Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this" (Psalm 37:4-5).

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

To my understanding trust implies to follow God wholeheartedly, without reserve, and to channel His will into every decision and direction of one's life. So many of us have dreams and goals for our lives that does not line up with the will of God, and because we often don't seek out God's guidance we tend to become frustrated when these don't work out in the way we've imagined.

We need to reach a level of maturity where we are fully committed to the Lord to receive clear-cut direction in life. ***"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"*** (Matthew 6:33). We need to serve Him in every aspect of our lives before we can experience the peace that comes with being aligned to the will of God. Everything we need is found in God, and when we're not moving in Him we will never live a fulfilled life. We will probably never see our goals materialize or reach our full potential on earth. We were created to give glory to God, and nothing would give Him more pleasure than seeing the work of His hands succeed and flourishing, so why not trust Him? When we do we will certainly experience the pieces of our not-so-figured-out-life and aspirations fall into place! We will experience the daily miracle of God turning mediocrity into an awesome display of His goodness.

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