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DREAMERS



THE TERM "DREAMER" CAN BE USED TO DESCRIBE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE. SOME DREAMERS ARE THE CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO RESIDE IN THE U.S. AND ARE HOPING TO EVENTUALLY BECOME CITIZENS. OTHER DREAMERS AND THOSE WHO ENVISION WAYS TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS OR IMPROVE EXISTING ONES. THEY ARE CREATIVE AND HELPFUL. ANOTHER DREAMER WAS JOSEPH THE SON OF JACOB. IN GENESIS 37:18 HIS BROTHERS MOCKINGLY SAY, "HERE COMES THE DREAMER." THEY WERE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE DREAMS THAT HE SAID INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD ONE DAY BOW TO HIM.

IN MARK 10:35-37 WE FIND THE RECORD OF SOME DISCIPLE DREAMERS. "JAMES AND JOHN, THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE, CAME UP TO JESUS, SAYING, TEACHER, WE WANT YOU TO DO FOR US WHATEVER WE ASK OF YOU." AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?" THEY SAID TO HIM, "GRANT THAT WE MAY SIT, ONE ON YOUR RIGHT AND ONE ON YOUR LEFT, IN YOUR GLORY." IN MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT WE READ THAT IT WAS THEIR MOTHER WHO ASKED THIS FAVOR OF JESUS. SHE TOO WAS A DREAMER (SEE MATTHEW 20:20-21). YOU SEE THE PRESSING ISSUE FOR THESE DISCIPLES WAS THAT OF HAVING PREFERRED SEATS IN THE KINGDOM. THEY WERE DREAMING OF THE DAY WHEN JESUS WOULD RULE AND REIGN OVER ALL OF THE EARTH AND THEY THOUGHT THEMSELVES WORTHY OF HOLDING HIGH POSITIONS IN HIS KINGDOM.

JESUS POINTS OUT THE DANGER OF THE IMPORTANT POSITIONS THESE DREAMERS DESIRE. GENTILE RULERS LORD THEIR POSITIONS OVER PEOPLE AND ABUSE THEIR AUTHORITY. (MARK 10:42). SUCH AN ATTITUDE IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A DISCIPLE. BUT JESUS DOESN'T END HIS COMMENTS THERE. WHAT HE GOES ON TO ENCOURAGE IS DUTY AND NOT DREAMING. JESUS SAID THAT THE GREATEST ARE THOSE WHO ARE SERVANTS AND SLAVES (MARK 10:42-43). JESUS HIMSELF DID NOT COME AS A SOVEREIGN BUT AS A SERVANT. (MARK 10:45).

JESUS WANTS DOERS NOT DREAMERS. HE DOESN'T NEED SITTING SOVEREIGNS BUT RATHER STANDING SERVANTS.

IT'S SOMETIMES EASY FOR US TO GET CAUGHT UP IN ALL THE KINGDOM TALK. WE HEAR IT ALL OF THE TIME. PEOPLE LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE KINGDOM. AND WHILE THAT IS A COMING REALITY, IT IS NOT OUR CALLING TODAY. LET'S TALK ABOUT CONVERSIONS NOT KINGDOMS. LET'S TALK ABOUT COMMITMENT NOT KINGDOMS. LET'S FOCUS ON DOING AND NOT DREAMING.

**LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE**