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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I was just about to write "I can't believe it's Christmas already!", but I stopped the cliché just in time. I know you're all relieved. I thought instead, I would give you a treat. A poem, written by our daughter, Delci.

Maybe?

*Beautiful snow veiled the Autumn lawns, and
Trees with no leaves shivered in the
Wind. The quiet awe settled.
Little children wait for
Santa to deliver their
Christmas presents, but someone else
Will be coming to visit.*

*The lights are all up, the trees are all standing.
The kids are asleep, dreaming of candy.
A beautiful thought, Jesus birthday,
Yet we wait for Old Chris Cringle,
We wait for his reindeer, his presents and
His merry little jingle.
Maybe Santa is Jesus in disguise?
Giving out presents and the
Sweet twinkle in children's eyes?*

Maybe that's what he wants you to think?
C. Delci Dueck, 2007

So, I bless you all this Christmas. Find Him in the midst. May you know His heart and hear His voice as we celebrate His birth.

Merry Christmas!

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NEWS

We're Live!

Our new website is up and running and Samuel's Mantle Online is waiting for you! Check out the FREE video of the 1st class.

Coming soon....**It's Your Call,
An Intensive Weekend...**

Ever wondered what to do with you life? What your purpose here is? We can help with that...

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If you need help, or have questions, please don't hesitate to call or just reply to this email.

EDEN'S RIVER

What does your heart look like? The great saints described the heart as God's dwelling place - his temple or throne room. Others see their hearts as disheveled homes that are badly in need of Christ's renovation skills. They invite his healing light to illuminate dark corners and cleans secret closets of old junk.

Excepts from "Rivers From Eden", Brad and Eden Jersak, Fresh Wind Press,C 2004

Today, ask God to show you a picture of your heart. Invite God to show you a picture of your heart. Invite him to give you a tour. What do you see? What does it mean?

Show me my heart, Lord.

To further explore questions and conversations with God, check out "Rivers From Eden" at www.freshwindpress.com

DREAM TOOLS

Acting Out

When a small child throws a big tantrum we call it 'acting out.' I have news for you...we all 'act out,' but for many of us this acting out occurs in our dreams.

What do I mean by this? Most of the dreams we have could be considered **counseling dreams**...oh about 80-90% or so. That means most of our dreams are about us and how we relate to others or to ourselves. If you look at a dream from this context, then most of our dream characters, settings, and actions are about stuff going on in our own lives and our dreams are a stage play in which we are 'acting out.' On this interior stage can be displayed any of the internal stuff that we have either learned to stuff, are too polite or fearful to say or areas of our life that God is trying to get us to look at, but are unaware of.

Rule of Thumb

How do you know if a dream you have is about you? The rule of thumb John Paul Jackson of Streams Ministries uses goes like this:

#1) If you are the main character in a dream the dream is probably about you.

#2) If the dream is about you and another group of people in the dream the dream is potentially about where you are relating to another group of people in life (home, work, church, etc...)

#3) If you are just observing in the dream and not involved at all, the dream may be about something you are observing (maybe an area of the church or world that you are praying about, for example).

Keep in mind that the above are rules of thumb and thus do not always apply, but even so, I would once again suggest that for most of us we are the main star on our interior stage. When the dream play goes into action at night we are the star, more often than not. This is a great way to look at a dream...as an internal play in which our conflicts and inner desires are often acted out for us so that we can learn the way forward.

To make this easier let me quote a little story of a woman who was struggling through her day. In this story I will highlight all the different characters that could show up at night for her internal play: (this little story comes from a great little book entitled, 'Dream Interpretation,' by Herman Riffel)

“At first, everyone saw Sheila as **happy-go-lucky**, but as time went on it became apparent that Sheila was a **people-pleaser**. Over time, other aspects of Sheila’s belief system began to be seen –a **teacher**, an **organizer**, and a **perfectionist**. If things were not done to Sheila’s idea of perfection a **bully-controller** would appear, and if that didn’t work the **angry dog** would bark (Which her kids would see). After this, remorse would follow and the **soul-searcher** would appear; with condemnation and judgment. The next actor on stage would be the **hospital patient** throwing a pity party wanting everyone to come. In the end Sheila would find herself pouting and alone and be the **hermit**. But what did Sheila really want? To be the **mother hen** gathering everyone under her wings.”

In the above story anyone one or all of the people (or ways a person could show up) described could show up in Sheila’s dream to help her find her way through her inner dilemma.

Another way to look at it...

Ever had a great day and then had a dream that night that you were just so happy in? Or had a real tense day and then had a dream in which you were really tense?

The classic example of this would be the ‘running down the street naked’ dream or ‘standing naked in front of a crowd’ dream. These dreams usually show up when we need to do something in front of a crowd that we are afraid to do. Thus the dream is a play on our inner stage, showing us ‘where we are at’ as we work through our inner realities and conflicts.

I had just such a dream before my first ever Samuel’s Mantle class: I found myself outside on the street in a big crowd of strangers only wearing a towel...feeling very exposed. What was the point of the dream? The point of the dream was to bring to my attention to areas in my life where I was feeling exposed, where I was unsure of myself, didn’t know how people would respond to me, or even if my material was any good. I had tried to not look at how I was feeling and why and God gave this dream to help me work few a few things before classes started.

Samantha and Her Daughter

Let me give you one more example that may help you grab a hold of this concept:

Samantha (not her real name) had just had a very troubling dream and had brought the dream to class to get some help. Here is the gist of the dream:

Samantha was sitting on a chair in her apartment with her daughter on her lap when a group of people began to break into the apartment. They were smashing in the windows and breaking in the door. Just as they gained access to the apartment Samantha grabbed a knife and stabbed her daughter.

As you can imagine Samantha was very troubled by this dream. Below is how we worked it through.

Me: “Samantha I need you to tell me what comes to mind when you think of your daughter. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of her...or when you hug her or she sits on your lap.”

Samantha: “Well when I was growing up I had a pretty broken home...I have always had great hopes and dreams for my daughter that she would have a different future than me. To me, my daughter (when I hug her like that) represents my hopes and dreams of the future.”

Me: “Ok...now tell me about how you felt when these people were breaking into your apartment.”

Samantha: “Tension, anxiety, fear.”

Me: “Have you felt tension, anxiety or fear lately? Have you felt like things are falling apart or your security is somehow breached?”

Samantha: “Yes! I just lost my job and my car has broken down so I can't even go out and look for another one...”

Me: “So you have been feeling really tense because you have lost your job and your vehicle...and your daughter represents your hopes and dreams for the future...”(a minute or two of pondering to ask a question...)

Me: “If you are feeling tense like that in real life because of all of this loss...do you have a tendency to give up hope and kill all your hopes and dreams for the future? To get really negative and believe nothing will ever get better?”

Samantha: “That is exactly what I have been doing. I have just given up...I was believing all these things that I thought God had promised, but when all of this happened (and a bunch of other stuff as well) I just threw it all away.”

This dream came to Samantha from God to show her she had thrown away something very precious...as precious as the life of her daughter...her hopes and dreams for a better future! It took just a little work and some time in prayer to recover what Samantha had lost... and in the next short period of time someone gave her a car and she had a new job as well!

Samantha Had an Inner Stage

On Samantha's inner stage her daughter had a part to play and her daughter's character could have been called, 'my hopes and dreams.' Often in our dreams our dream characters put on a play for us representing what they mean for us. This is very important for all of you who hand in dreams to your Pastor to realize. Often the dream you have about your Pastor is not about him...it's about you and what your Pastor means to you! For example when I dream about Graham Cooke or John Paul Jackson the dream is not about me meeting them...they represent prophetic ministry to me so when God is about to do something in my life in that area these two men are often dream character's on my inner stage!

If you are going to spend any time on your dreams the concept of the stage and what the characters mean is an important one to grasp. Here are some tips to help you out.

How to Find out What is Going On...

First off, ask yourself some questions about your dream characters:

#1) If you could describe them, positives and negatives, what would you say? Write down all the descriptive words that come to mind and then read it over to see how it hits you.

#2) Comparison and contrast: Compare your dream character with other people...what is the difference between them?

#3) Look at what the possible interpretations you have come up with for these characters...are you struggling or working through anything in that area of life? So when John Paul Jackson shows up in my dreams I begin to ask myself...how am I currently growing in the prophetic?

#4) If you have a dream journal go through it and interpret what these people mean to you...were you (or God) working on any area of your life like that at that time?

Feelings

Feelings in dreams are important and we have already looked at them fairly in-depth in a past newsletter. Look at the feelings you have in the dream and ask yourself some questions about them...Do you feel that way anywhere in life? Have you encountered a situation in the past while where you felt that way? It is possible that is what the dream is talking about?

One last thing...the above questions won't work on a prophetic dream. If the events symbolized are about the future you can try all you want to connect them to current events, but you just won't be able to. This is a good thing! It helps you figure out what kind of dream you may have had and how to work on it! Thus the next newsletter: dream types!

I would like to recommend Herman Riffel's book to you, 'Dream Interpretation.' Mr. Riffel is a good Christian author and this little book is a good addition to any library.