



# The Zion Letter

The Monthly Newsletter of For Zion's Sake Ministries, Inc.  
 PO Box 1486 Bristol, TN 37620  
[www.forzionsake.org](http://www.forzionsake.org)

Phone: 276-644-1678 \* Fax: 276-644-1689 \* Email: [contact\\_fzs@forzionsake.org](mailto:contact_fzs@forzionsake.org) \* web: [www.forzionsake.org](http://www.forzionsake.org)

## How to Activate Faith

I had a dream recently where I began walking on water. In the dream I was walking from the shore onto a lake. I just kept going further and further out, marveling to myself (in the dream) that I was walking on water and how fun it was! I reached a point where I began to get tired and felt that I should turn around, so I began to walk back to shore. I woke up before making it back. It was a wonderful dream but what did it mean? The prophet Joel wrote that in the last days the young men would see visions and the old men would dream dreams. Ok, I'm getting older.

Many years ago I was watching the Tennessee Senate on television. There was a preacher who opened the session with a prayer; I somehow knew that I would be standing in that very spot praying over the state of Tennessee one day. Well that vision came to pass on February 13, 2020. I have had many dreams in my life come to pass; I call them **"God Dreams."** It takes faith to activate such dreams and to make them a reality, but what role can we play in making dreams or visions come to pass especially in troubled times like the Corona Virus and the stock market decline?

**"Now Faith is the Substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen" Heb. 11:1.** Faith requires hope; hope requires a **"God dream or vision"** a specific word from the Lord, or a calling that you believe with all your heart to be truly from God. If the hope that God gives you is from Him, then He will surely send you a confirmation by one or more people, (2 Sam 5:19) *"And David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I go up to the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into mine hand?' And the Lord said unto David, 'Go up: for I will*

*doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand."* The bible tells us that on the testimony of two or more witnesses a matter is established (see 2 Cor. 13:1). David always sought confirmation from the Lord.

Your faith is your belief that your "God dream" is real and will happen in its time. When other people confirm the vision or calling of what you dreamed, or the word you believe you heard from the Lord, then it simply clarifies that it is really from God! Now if the vision or word is from God, then it will also line up with scripture.



Although I knew my (then) state senator who went on to become the Lt. Governor, he did not invite me to pray. Interestingly, however, there was another state senator whose daughter (and his young granddaughter) attended my congregation at the time. I remember the mother walking into the congregation for the first time with her (then)

toddler-daughter who was wearing a pretty pink dress and holding on to her mommy for dear life. I was that little girl's Rabbi until she was about 14; then they moved away. That was ten years ago! I remember the little girl being a shy child with a twinkle in her eyes. She loved princesses and ballet so we didn't have a lot to talk about. During her time with us she was also my oldest-son's best friend in the congregation; they were like brother and sister. As I said, she and I didn't have a lot of conversation or any shared interest in those days.

One day last June, I received a phone call from the young lady's mom asking me to officiate at her daughter's wedding.

*Your local connection to Israel!*

ter's wedding in Knoxville in August. I was quite ill with cancer, but I agreed and was thrilled to have been asked. That young little girl was now a young woman; just by saying she wanted me to officiate her wedding told me that somehow God had used me in her life. Oh, and incidentally, her grandpa had become the Lt. Governor of the state of Tennessee.

The Bible tells us, **"You have not because you ask not" James 4:1-2**. So like Esther coming before the King with a request I knew this was my chance to make my dream known of praying in the senate. In Tennessee, the Lt. Governor is also the Speaker of the Senate. So perceiving that this was an open door to make my dream come true I decided to take a step of faith and ask the Lt. Governor for that opportunity. Just like Queen Ester had two banquets to make her petition, I also had two banquets to submit my request. During Queen Esther's first banquet, when given her opportunity to give the King her request, she simply asked that the King and Haman should attend another banquet the



next day. Was her initial delay out of fear, timing, or lack of words? Well, at the rehearsal banquet I didn't feel comfortable asking the Lt. Governor anything. He was somewhat formal and I did not know him. However, during the next evening after performing the marriage, there was much celebration and joy. It was then that I approached the governor and asked him if I could give the invocation in the senate and pray for Tennessee. He said yes and gave me his business card, telling me to call his secretary in January. Well January rolled around; I thought about making the call, but I put it off somehow. Then one day the phone rang and it was the Lt. Governor's secretary calling me to say that I needed to choose a date or I would miss my chance. She also sent me a formal letter from the Lt. Governor inviting me to give the invocation in the state senate. **BINGO! That was the confirmation I needed to know it was from God and not just my idea. They pursued me to come and pray!**

Think of Peter seeing the Lord walk on water in MT 14:28-29, **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. So He said, "Come" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on**

**the water to go to Yeshua/Jesus"**. Notice that Peter didn't just get out of the boat; he had the notion/vision to walk on the water, but needed a confirmation, so he asked the Lord to command Him to come. The Lord said "yes" and then Peter went! Clearly it was a God opportunity and a matter of Peter activating His faith. Notice that Peter waited for confirmation before stepping out of the boat.



### **"Dream Building – Faith Building"**

The Scripture says we go from glory to glory. Why stop at one mountain top? My faith doesn't stop at praying for Tennessee, I see it as preparation for something greater: I had a dream several months ago that I was in the White House speaking with the President in a blue room. In the dream I asked the President if I could pray for him. He said yes, then I stood next to him while he sat; I laid hands on his shoulder and began to pray...then I woke up. A few weeks later a retired Air Force Captain came to visit my congregation and told me after the service that I would be going to the White House to pray with and for the President but that it would not be in the Oval Office. Others have told me similar things. I do not know how it will happen, or when, but I believe that I will be invited to the White House and see my dream come to pass. Now, just as I knew two state senators who (both) became Lt. Governors of Tennessee, I know and have spent many hours with Jay Sekulow, the attorney who led the legal team that won the victory for President Trump in his impeachment trial. I also know several people who have met the President or know his family; I do not know that Jay will help me or how my dream will come to pass. I have my "God Dream/Vision"; I'll start to speak it, write it and wait on God to confirm it and bring it to pass. Having done all that you can, stand!

### **The Importance of Speaking your Dream or Vision:**

Joseph told his brothers and his father that he dreamt that they would all bow before him one day. His youthful cockiness and spoiled countenance brought about the very circumstances that led to his dream coming to pass! Habakkuk 2:2-3, **"Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it**

**will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**" When you have a "God Vision", it is scriptural to write it down and share it, especially with those who will keep sharing it until the appointed time when it comes to pass!

Unless God very loudly tells you to keep your "God vision" to yourself, you must shout it from the hill tops! It will not likely come to pass if you hide it. Joseph shared his "God Vision" as did Habakkuk, and every other author of the Bible who wrote God's word and shared prophecy though they may be long since gone to be with the Lord!

#### **God Dreams take Miracles to come to pass:**

When you have a "God Dream/Vision" it is usually so big that only a miracle could bring it to pass. Think of Joseph's dreams. How would he get his brothers and father to bow to him when his brothers were used to tormenting him, threw him in a pit to die, but THEN decided to sell him into slavery? Only a miracle or several miracles could make Joe's dream come to pass and that is exactly what happened! Yet, God responded to Joseph's faith. Remember Peter asked the Lord to command him step out of the boat? Well, Joseph, though a slave—he was the best slave he could be; then as a prisoner, he was so exemplary he became the warden's assistant! Joseph carried his cross as far as he could and just when he was about to give up, the call came to bring him before Pharaoh. The bigger your God dream or vision, the bigger the miracle it will take to make it happen! I like to tell my people, ninety percent of being in the God-zone is showing up for service, prayer, congregational events. The other ten percent is what you do in the congregation. Attending faithfully was what opened the door for me to serve God full time.

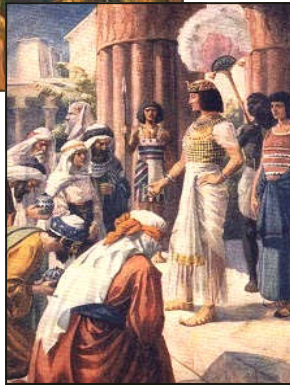
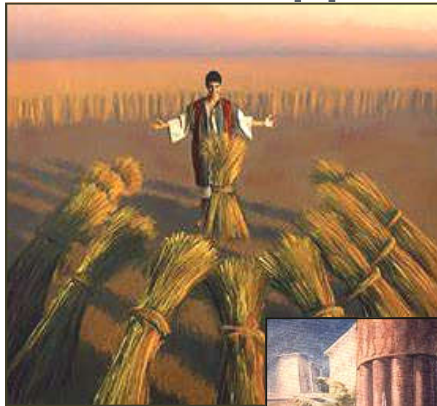
#### **Never Let Go!**

If you have a God dream or vision, never let go! Hold onto it, because it will be challenged. **Remember, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** By holding onto what you can't see, you really bless the Lord. Think of the Ro-

man Centurion in the seventh chapter of Luke. He couldn't see Yeshua coming to his house to heal his servant, but being a man under authority, he saw Yeshua just giving the order for his servant to be healed. It was his connection to the leaders of the synagogue, because he built their synagogue; because of this connection to the leaders of the synagogue it brought about His "Jesus connection". Remember, everyone who needs a God-dream to come to pass needs a relationship with somebody who can make it happen. I told you about the senators I knew at the beginning of this letter. Joseph knew the King's cupbearer (key person). Esther was married to the King (key person). Peter knew the Lord personally (Key person). David knew Saul (He had played the harp for him prior to challenging Goliath).

#### **Conclusion:**

Folks we live in troubled times and it will take great faith to endure it. God is testing us. He doesn't want us to focus on the storm like Peter did, but focus on Him. Peter stepped out of the boat, something no other Disciple did.



If you have a God dream/vision, you must PERCEIVE when the opportunity arises and do what you have to do like Esther, David, Peter and Joseph. If you don't recognize your chance, it could pass you by!

Once you have dreamt your God dream/vision, you must prepare for it to come to pass. Speaking it, praying, and reading the Word will help you prepare. Never give up. You must also be in God's will. Hold onto your dream... when the day comes, don't shrink back, and step out of the boat! Lastly, it's show time! Perform your vision when the day comes. You will know. Friends, Corona Viruses will come, stock markets will drop, but those are mere storms. Keep your focus on Yeshua and you will walk on water just like just like in my dream.

In Yeshua's love,  
Rabbi Joe

**If you cannot attend services, then just click!**  
**Join us for "Live Streaming"**  
**Saturday mornings at 10:45 AM**

**Saturdays**  
**10:45 AM**  
1128 New Hampshire Ave. Bristol, VA 24201

[www.forzionsake.org](http://www.forzionsake.org)

Stand With Israel!!  
Like us on Facebook



**Lion of Judah**  
**Messianic**  
**Congregation**