

**DREAMS TO LEGACY PT. 6**  
**HOW GOD TURNS DEAD ENDS INTO DELIVERANCES**  
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- I. Introduction:** When God gives a dream, it is the beginning of a journey that often includes 6 stages: dream, decision, delay, difficulty, dead end, and deliverance. He does this to develop our \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. In the process, He sometimes allows difficulties to become impossibilities. We end up in “\_\_\_\_\_.” (circumstantially, relationally, emotionally, vocationally)
- B. God doesn’t allow this to reject our dreams but to resurrect our dreams, to come to pass in the way that can most fulfill His ultimate purpose.
1. In these dead ends, God teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Remember He’s not forsaking you He’s remaking you.
- *“At the time we were completely overwhelmed, the burden was more than we could bear. We told ourselves this was the end. Yet we now believe that we had this sense of impending disaster so that we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but in God who can raise the dead.” (2 Cor. 1:8-9 Phillips)*
  - *“My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart.” (Ps. 73:26 NIV)*
2. If you are at a dead end right now, realize God promises \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deliverance is where we move from our ability to discovering \_\_\_\_\_ power and ability working through us and with us. “Remember God specializes in turning crucifixions into resurrections!”
- “He has delivered us from such a deadly peril and he will deliver us again. On him we set our hope that he will continue to deliver us. (2 Cor. 1:10 NIV)*
- II. Things to do when you come to a dead end. (Rom. 4:17-22 NLT)**
- A. Keep hope alive by focusing on what God can do, not what you \_\_\_\_\_.
- “This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and creates new things out of nothing.” (vs. 17)*
- Faith isn’t the absence of doubt, it is the choice to overcome our doubts by focusing on what God can do, not what you can’t do. There is a time you quit telling God how big your mountain is and start telling your mountain how big your God is!
- B. Rely on what God \_\_\_\_\_ to you. “Don’t doubt in the dark what you’ve heard in the light.”
- “Abraham kept believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many your descendants will be.” (vs. 18)*
- C. Face the \_\_\_\_\_ and process the feelings, but choose to see beyond the physical facts to the eternal facts that God provides.
- *“And Abraham’s faith didn’t weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead-and so was Sarah’s womb.” Vs. 19*
  - *“What is impossible with man is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27)*

D. Surrender the right to \_\_\_\_\_ how God's deliverance comes. Before God resurrects a dream, He always asks us to fully \_\_\_\_\_ our dream.

1. At the dead ends of life, there is always something God is asking to surrender, to give up so we can go up. God's dream is for \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."*  
(Jn 12:24-26 NIV)

2. God's deliverance often comes differently than we think.

**Four ways God delivers people:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Reveals His power
- b. Personally- Recreates our character
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ -Rechannels our focus and plans to a higher purpose
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ -Raises us to Heaven

E. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_ for your deliverance. Gratitude is thanking God for what He has done; faith is thanking God for what He's promised to do that you don't see yet. *"I am expecting the Lord to rescue me again, so that once again I will see His goodness to me."* (Ps. 27:13 LB)

(Answers: faith, dead ends, trust, deliverance, God's II. Can't do, has said, facts, control, surrender, God's glory, circumstantially, purposefully, ultimately, expectantly)

**QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Can you think of a time where you felt like you were following God but ended up in a dead end? What did you feel like? What did you do?
2. What is an area where you feel like your dream has most recently come to a dead end? (emotionally, relationally, circumstantially, vocationally, morally...) What do you feel like the Lord might want you to surrender to Him in this place? (rights, agenda, pride, resentment, fear, disappointment with God, counterfeit faith...)
3. Can you think of an example where God's deliverance came in a different way than you originally hoped it would? Has God ever chosen to deliver you by changing you more than your circumstances?
4. What is a decision of faith you most need to apply today?
  - a. To focus on what God can do instead of what you can't do.
  - b. Remember what God has promised to do.
  - c. Surrender your right to see the deliverance come your way.
  - d. Live expectantly for a miracle in spite of how things look and feel.