

SERMON NOTES

Title: *Hang in There*

Text: Galatians 6:9

Topic: Perseverance.

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"Let us not become weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Many of us abandon our dreams because of the **harsh realities** of life.

When we stop dreaming something within us **dies**.

During discouraging circumstances, how can we dare to dream again? Understand how God desires to use obstacles to develop a persistent faith. There is a specific pattern or process that God takes us through in the fulfillment of our dreams.

DREAM: When God wants to do something, he often starts with a dream.

- Noah: the dream of building an ark.
- Abraham: the dream of being the father of a great nation.
- David: the dream of being the king.

DECISION: A dream is worthless unless you **choose** to follow it.

The decision phase always involves letting go of **security**.

- Abraham had to let go of his homeland.
- Moses had to let go of a promising career in Pharaoh's court.

DELAY: God gives a dream but does not fulfill it immediately.

- Noah waited **120** years for it to rain.

- Abraham waited **99** years for a son.
- Moses waited **40** years in the desert.
- Jesus waited **30** years to begin his ministry. that would only last 3 years.

The delay stage is for teaching us to **trust Him**.

DIFFICULTIES:

Are difficulties a part of God's plan? Ask...

Mary & Joseph, Moses, David, Joseph, Noah

DEAD END:

The situation deteriorates until it becomes **an impossibility**.

In scripture, it's a principle that's called the **Death of a Vision**.

God lead the children of Israel into a cul-de-sac as they fled the Egyptian Army. They were boxed in! The name of the place where they were trapped at the Red Sea was called "*Baal-Zephon*", which means, **"God's hidden treasure."**

Deliverance:

God **supernaturally** fulfills the dream.

Why does God allow dreams to die? Our **impossibilities** are God's **opportunities**.