IAM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 6: God's Dream

Lesson 6: The Dream Line

The Cave of Wisdom

The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush: Last night I had a dream.

Welcome back to the cave of "Nightmares". A nightmare or a vision from God; Dark side or Light side, which will it be? Are you ready to believe that God can speak to you in your dreams? There are many examples in the Bible of God speaking to people in a dream or vision. Perhaps this is because the distractions of the world and your conscious mind are "asleep" and the subconscious mind is more open to the voice of your soul. You know, "that little small voice in the back of your head."

No, I'm not talking about an insurance policy. The voice that will speak to you will come from your heart and into your consciousness. Remember, God knows your heart, He made you and He can speak to you through it. It is your own private phone line with God. Are you ready to answer the call?

<u>Circle of Fire:</u> A communications line with you.

Scripture: Acts 9: 10-20 Ananias has a dream

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Biblical Character: Ananias

Act the part of Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, and tell the story of the Lord coming to him in a dream to get him to go to Paul, a known hater of disciples with authority to arrest them.

Show the video in Appendix 2, "The Bible Story of Paul pt 1" which shows Ananias laying hands on Paul to restore his sight.

Modern Character(s): Tom Brown Ministries

See the following link for article by Pastor Tom Brown on Dreams from God:

http://www.tbm.org/dreams.htm

For God does speak —now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds, (Job 33:14-15)

The Tribe: Dreams are often God's way to talk to us. Peter preached:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams" (Acts 2:17).

These words were spoken by the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28) telling of the things to come which were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost with the disciples.

Craft: "Sweet Dreams" Blindfold. See Appendix 8 Craft for instructions and resources to make this craft. If the purchased option is used for the craft, the members will be able to use the blindfold when travelling as a reminder that wherever they may be, God has is in touch with them.

Recreation Activity: "Blindfold Nightmare Game". See Appendix 6 Recreation for instructions and material for this activity. Remind members that dreams may also come from the dark side and they must be on guard.