

Dedication Service for the New Auditorium

Dangerous Dreamers

I. Introduction

- A. *"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."* (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- B. "There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" (Bobby Kennedy)

II. Characteristics of Dangerous Dreamers

- A. Dangerous Dreamers see things that never were and ask, "Why not?" And then they go about the business of making it happen!
1. Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) *Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.*
- B. Dangerous Dreamers draw near to God.
1. Hebrews 11:5 (NLT) *It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.*
 2. Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) *And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*
- C. Dangerous Dreamers believe that God can do something unprecedented.
1. Hebrews 11:7 (NLT) *It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.*
 2. Am I a person who listens to God's warnings?

D. Dangerous Dreamers are engaged in a lifelong journey with God.

1. Hebrews 11:8-10 (NLT) *⁸It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. ⁹And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. ¹⁰Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.*

III. Conclusion

Upcoming messages:

- 3/20-21/2010 "Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children"
- 3/27-28/2010 "Surrender Leads to Freedom" (Palm Sunday Weekend)
- 4/3-4/2010 "The Third Day" (Easter Weekend)
- 4/10-11/2010 "Wisdom to Manage our Anger Appropriately"
- 4/17-18/2010 "The Right Kind of Fear"
- 4/24-25/2010 "Wisdom About Money"