

# DEALING WITH DEVASTATION

## *The Pursuit Of Happyness*

### 1. Get a dream for your life

Genesis 37:9 Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." (NIV)

Genesis 28:12-15 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (NIV)

Genesis 15:1-5 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." (NIV)

Matthew 1:20-21 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (NIV)

### 2. Dreams are only fulfilled by overcoming problems

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (NIV)

### 3. Dreams are only fulfilled by determined and dedicated people

2 Thessalonians 3:13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. (NIV)

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (NIV)

4. Dreams do come true

Psalms 37:4-5 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: (NIV)

### **CG Questions**

1. Why is having a dream from God for our lives so important?
2. Why will we have to overcome problems to see our dream come to pass? (Someone share a testimony)
3. Why are dreams only fulfilled by determined and dedicated people?
4. What does a determined and dedicated person look like?
5. How do dreams come true?