

Family Devotional

From October 2, 2016

Imagine: Think about a beautiful plant or tree. What steps had to happen for it to turn in to what you are picturing now? Did it just sprout up overnight, or did it take time for the little seed to become what it was always designed to be? Talk about the different steps required: watering, weeding, sunlight, etc.

Have you ever thought about the fact that your dreams are like seeds? They both take time and work to become a reality. In the following passage we see the Lord share one of his dreams for the nation with Jeremiah. They were going through a really rough time and people were discouraged, so the Lord sent them this example of what was to come.

Read: Jeremiah 32:6-15

Reflect:

What did the Lord tell Jeremiah would happen?

What happened?

What are all the steps Jeremiah did to be obedient?

What message was the Lord sending the people?



This message is a good encouragement to us as well. When we have a dream, it is important for us to start taking steps towards those dreams. If you have a dream of making really good grades in school this year, what do you need to be doing now to make that happen?

If someone wanted to be a professional soccer player, what could they do today to take a step closer to that dream? Just like watering and weeding, the steps we take don't have to be really big and overwhelming, we just need to be consistent.

Often our dreams grow and change over time. That is just fine. The most important thing we need to do today is listen to the dream giver, Jesus, and be obedient to what He is calling us to do each and every day. Sometimes he'll ask us to do the most difficult thing of all. Wait. Just like the seed in the ground, God is at work in our lives below the surface. We might not always see what He is doing but when we wait on the Lord, he makes everything right in his timing!

Option: Plant some seeds in a pot or the ground together as a family. Each time you water and weed it, pray about the dreams growing in your life.

Remember: As a family work on memorizing/meditating on Psalm 37:4-5

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.”

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: “Dear Father God, thank you for planting your dreams in my heart. Help me listen and obey what you ask me to do. Thank you for always helping me along the wayAmen!