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Reflection *Questions*

Based on the principles taught throughout the book, the following questions will help you further understand the process God uses to fulfill the dream he gives you. Take time to reflect on them during your personal study time or small group discussion.

Chapter 1: How Faith and Dreaming Are Connected

- A great dream is a statement of faith.
 - Think of the biggest dream you have dreamed or could dream for your life. How does it reflect your faith in God?
- While you're working on your dream, God will be working on your character.

- In what ways do you want God to help you grow spiritually and emotionally while you are pursuing his dream for your life?
- Figuring out and following God’s dream is a walk of faith.
 - Why do you think God doesn’t give you your dream all at once and instead makes it a gradual, step-by-step process?
- Where God guides, he provides.
 - What do you need to ask God to provide for you today so that you can continue to pursue his dream for you?

Chapter 2: Discovering God’s Dream for You

- Without a dream, you will always struggle with your identity—who you are.
 - What dream God has called you to follow? Have you ever considered your dream to be part of your identity? Why or why not?
- God’s dream will never contradict God’s Word.
 - How can you know if your dream contradicts what the Bible says?
- Both dreams and discouragement are contagious.
 - Think about the friends closest to you. In what ways are they encouraging you to pursue

God's dream? In what ways are they discouraging you?

- Nothing is more important than fulfilling God's dream for you. It's the reason he created you.
 - What are the things that compete most for your focus and keep you from committing to God's dream? What steps can you take to prioritize God's dream for your life?

Chapter 3: Deciding to Act

- The decision phase is not about making quick decisions. It's about making the *right* decisions.
 - What is one step you can take today to know God's Word better so you can make wise decisions?
- The problem is that we often would rather *appear* wise than *be* wise.
 - Who is the wisest person you know? In what ways do they model humility?
- Never confuse decision-making with problem-solving.
 - In what ways can you prepare yourself spiritually and emotionally for the problems you will encounter when pursuing your dream?

Chapter 4: Persisting through Delays

- They were delayed because they were afraid.
 - What is one way you can overcome your fear?
- There is always a delay between sowing and reaping.
 - What characteristics of Jesus Christ do you want God to grow in you while you wait on your dream to come to fruition? Pray, and ask him to develop and mature you in those ways so you will be faithful even in the delay.
- A delay is not a denial.
 - How do you respond to God when he says, “Not yet” to your request, instead of saying, “No”? How do you think he wants you to respond to both answers?

Chapter 5: Dealing with Difficulties

- With any opportunity, you need to ask if it is what God wants.
 - Why is it important to have trustworthy Christ-like people around you when trying to decide if an opportunity is from God? Who are those people in your life?
- What happens *to* you is not nearly as important as what happens *in* you.

- What is the most difficult trial you have ever been through? How did it change you in ways that have eternal significance?
- Troubles don't come to stay; they come to pass.
 - When you need to remind yourself that your troubles are only temporary, what eternal truths can you dwell on instead?

Chapter 6: Facing Dead Ends

- When you face a dead end, don't focus on what you *can't* do; focus on what God *can* do.
 - Why do you think God wants you to come to a point where you understand that you cannot do everything in your own strength?
- Faith is facing the facts without being discouraged by them.
 - If you believe that God is greater than your problems, what will look different about the way you face difficult circumstances?
- God works in your life according to your expectation.
 - What is one way you can *show* God what you expect him to do in your dead end instead of just telling him?

Chapter 7: Expecting Deliverance

- No matter how dark your situation is, your Deliverer is coming—and he just might show up in a way you’ve never seen before.
 - How will you worship God today while you wait on him to provide deliverance from your difficulty?
- Jesus didn’t come to heal Lazarus. He came to resurrect him.
 - As you pray for deliverance and ask God for specific requests, how can you leave room in your prayers for him to exceed your expectations?
- When you thank God for something before it happens, that is faith.
 - What do you believe God is going to do for you as you go after your dream? Thank him in advance for it right now and pray, “God, I don’t know how you’re going to make the dream you’ve given me come true. But I thank you in advance that you know what you’re doing and that you are going to work all things together for my good.”
- What he calls you to do, he will enable you to do.

- In what specific ways has God gifted and prepared you for the dream he's given you? Will you trust him to provide in all the ways you cannot see or understand right now?