

## “SEEING OUR DREAMS & VISIONS COME TO LIFE - PT. 2 ENDURING THE PROCESS”

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### Introduction:

When **God created you, He created you with a purpose** and He placed the dreams and visions He has for you to become and to do within you. It's **as we discover the dream** God has placed within us, the dream is **conceived within our spirit** and our **faith begins to rise** as we anticipate our dream becoming a reality.

### A. Why a process?

- It's in the process that God is forming you into the man or woman that He created you to become.
- It's in the process that you find out who you really are! It's in the process that we become refined in our attitudes, our thoughts, in who we truly are!
- Through the process we are perfected, we are becoming whole and healed.

### B. What does the process look like?

- Refining - testing and trials, purifying and refining!
- Doubting if we've heard God and then having to live by faith. Feeling like no one believes in your dream and wanting to give up. Tears and frustrations and trying to make it happen in our own strength!
- The process is really about us – discovering who we are in Christ. **Who are you in Christ?**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Galatians 4:7; 1 Peter 2:9; Proverbs 18:**

### C. Endurance through the process

- When our dream becomes a burden, a load we carry... **Habakkuk 1:1 Burden = “a load; a bearing; a carrying”** Jesus tells us that He has a better way! **Matthew 11:28-30**
- Jesus will give us **rest and refresh us** when we come to Him, when we soak in His presence. Jesus tells us to **learn from Him. Matthew 11:30; Isaiah 9:6.** Jesus' **yoke is easy, “it is fit for use and manageable”** for us. Jesus carried His authority and government upon His shoulder. His burden is light, it is **“light in weight – especially emotionally.”**
- We will experience a testing of our Faith. **James 1:3-4. Will you “let” patience have its perfect work?** Patience is **“a steadfastness, a constancy and an endurance.”** It is **characteristic** of one who is **not swerved from his/her purpose and loyalty in faith by even the greatest trials!** **Perfect = “complete in growth, mental and moral character”.** **Romans 5:3-4**
- **Warfare - Ephesians 6:12** The enemy does not want you to succeed in your dream. He will fight you!
- **Armor of God - Ephesians 6:11** Put on this armor God has given you - the putting on is catching a revelation of the armor and wearing it! This is a **knowing Who Christ is, who we are in Him, and catching a revelation** - His Spirit to our spirit... **What are the wiles of the devil?** The word **wiles** in the **Greek** means – **“a traveling over; to lie in wait; be cunning and use trickery”.**
- **The pieces of the Armor of God**  
**Ephesians 6:14 “belt of truth”** We gird our waist with truth. The word **waist** literally means **“the loins – procreative power!”** Where dreams are created!  
**Ephesians 6:14** The **“breastplate of righteousness”** covers the chest area – covers your heart and lungs, it protects your body from the neck to your middle area on both the front and the back. **righteousness** means – **“Integrity, virtue, purity, correctness of thinking, feeling and acting.”**  
**Ephesians 6:15 “feet shod - gospel of peace”** **Do you have a deep revelation of the gospel?**  
**Ephesians 6:16 “shield of faith”** Above all! Know your faith! Keep your faith out in front of you as a shield that quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Know **Who your faith is in. Your faith will extinguish all the darts** the enemy tries to wield at you!  
**Ephesians 6:17 “helmet of salvation”** Salvation is being saved, it is **wholeness, healing and deliverance** – Wearing your helmet of salvation **covers and encircles your mind – your thoughts, it aligns your thoughts with Christ.**

**Ephesians 6:17 “sword of the Spirit”** catch a revelation of **Who the Word of God is! Jesus is the Word!** He is your daily bread! He is your nourishment! Knowing the Word is your strongest defense against the wicked one! **Hebrews 4:12** The Word of God is living, powerful, divides between soul and spirit, discerns you thoughts and intents of your heart!

### Conclusion...

**Ephesians 6:10** Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might! This is how you endure the process!  
**Romans 8:31; Deuteronomy 11:25a; Joshua 1:5**