

**God's Dream**  
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\* He said, "If your message is no good for India, then it's no good for America."

\* He said, The Gospel is to be Proclaimed not Explained. He said, "If you just tell the gospel people's lives will be changed, but if you try to explain it you will rob it of its power."

\* Then what he said next stunned me. He said, "Rick, you know what the gospel is, don't you?" (Have you ever been in that situation where you had been asked a question and you knew the answer was so simple, but you knew you were probably going to get it wrong?) It felt like a trick question and I didn't want to look like an idiot so I said, "Uh, you tell me..."

He said, "The Gospel is Jesus Christ, Him crucified, buried, raised from the dead, seated at the right hand of the Father, sending back the Holy Spirit to live in every believer!" (And His Blood on the Mercy Seat of Heaven). I said, "O yeah, right!" He said, "No Rick, you've got to get it! You can preach on Marriage, Finances, Prayer, Loving Your Neighbor, Missions, The Poor, AND NEVER EVEN GET CLOSE TO PREACHING THE GOSPEL! WOW! I got it. You can preach an entire series on marriage and have only principles to improve a good marriage, but there is no power to heal a broken marriage, deliver someone from sin, fear, bondage. Jesus didn't come to give us a gospel of COPING, but a gospel of HEALING and DELIVERANCE.

\* I began to study and find that THE WORD HAS THE POWER RESIDENT WITHIN ITSELF TO BRING ITSELF TO PASS!

**1 Corinthians 1:17-18 NKJ**

**17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved IT IS THE POWER OF GOD!**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJ**

**1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**

\* And preaching is sometimes looked down upon as foolish and unintellectual, so we mistakenly try to dignify and sophisticate it and thereby remove the power from it. We try to make it cute, relevant, entertaining. And what happens is we preach more out of our head than we do our spirit. And there is no power in it. Our preaching should move people to do something, be something. (Preaching is an operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit,) Peter preached and the Holy Spirit fell. Paul preached and Felix trembled. Jesus preached and the disciples hearts burned.

\* The same with our songs.

\* I was invited to speak to Mensa group

**Romans 1:16 NKJ**

**16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.**

**Hebrews 4:12 NKJ**

**12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJ**

**20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.**

**John 6:63 NKJ**

**63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**

**Colossians 1:6 AMP**

**Indeed, in the whole world [that Gospel] is bearing fruit and still is growing [by its own inherent power],**

\* Then you can understand why Paul urges men not to preach or to believe another gospel.

**2 Corinthians 11:3-4 NKJ**

**3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted- you may well put up with it!**

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\* The Blood, the Cross, the Name of Jesus, the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit, this message is where our power is at.

(Story of lunch with real estate agent). What do we do with Jesus?

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***Galatians 4:4-7 NKJ***

*4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

**4. MAN'S RESTORATION.** The main business of the church today. To carry out the restoration of all that Christ has purchased. This is not a so called Dominion Theology. But our mission is to restore all that Satan has broken in people's lives. People are broken, messed up, in pain, bound, lonely, hopeless. They desperately need healing and restoration. If I were to look at our mission as any one thing it would be to restore broken lives. (Reconciling them back to God, putting the broken pieces of their life back together and empowering them to go do likewise.)

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*21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*

\* Restoration can be summed up in 7 things

Every human being has 7 BASIC FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

DIGNITY-PEACE-PURPOSE/DIRECTION-HEALTH-PROVISION-FRIENDSHIP-VICTORY

**1. DIGNITY.** (Self-respect, self-esteem, confidence.)

**2. PEACE.** (Soundness of mind harmony in their soul, peace with God, man and himself, today man is conflicted, at war with himself, who am I in the first place, do people love me, I'm confused, frustrated, lonely, depressed, worried, anxious, we're out of alignment, you feel like you're dying inside and you don't know what to do, and everybody thinks you're okay and you're not ok)

**3. DIRECTION/PURPOSE.** (What am I supposed to do with my life, today they are aimless, no vision, so they come up with their own dreams.)

**4. HEALTH.** (healing in the atonement, if there had been no sin there would be no sickness)

**5. PROVISION** (teach provision through the cross, which require the surrender of your financial household to His Lordship)

**6. FRIENDSHIP.** (friendship with God and man, the presence of God in your life, a healthy close relationship with God is what makes everything else work )

**7. VICTORY.** (Everybody has a fundamental human need to WIN, to win at life, to win at what God has called you to do, to succeed, in the garden God made us as a people of dominion, authority, victory, fruitfulness and success. It is consistent with the gospel to say that God did not make you to be a loser. Winning alone sounds like a secular message, but it's not as long as you keep success hooked up to the proper power source.

## SEVEN REDEMPTIVE NAMES OF GOD

### JEHOVAH-The self-existent one who has come to reveal himself

\* Since these 7 things are tied to the redemptive name of God then we can assume these are 7 things that are restored through the cross that was originally lost in the Garden.

\* 7-The number of completion and wholeness-- So when God gave us 7 things that are tied to the redemptive work of Christ we can thereby conclude that these 7 are the wholeness or fullness of what God wants to restore in our lives.

\* The fact that these 7 are tied to redemption tells me that they have already been paid for in the cross. Lost in the garden, but purchased back by the blood.

\* These are Old Test. names so they paint an Old Test. picture that is prophesying what Jesus is coming to do in the cross.

## **DIGNITY-PEACE-PURPOSE/DIRECTION-HEALTH-PROVISION-FRIENDSHiP-VICTORY**

- 1. TSIDKENU Jer. 23:6. (The Lord our Righteousness, the restorer of our position of dignity)**
- 2. SHALOM Judges 6:24. (The Lord our Peace)**
- 3. RAAH. Ps. 23:1. (The Lord our Shepherd who gives us direction and guidance and purpose)**
- 4. RAPHA Ex. 15:26. (The Lord our Healer)**
- 5. JIREH. Gen. 22:14. (The Lord our Provision)**
- 6. SHAMMAH. Ez. 48:35. (The Lord is Present or the Lord is here, the Lord is restorer of friendship)**
- 7. NISSI. Ex. 17:15. (The Lord our Victory, our glorious Banner, the idea here is the banner that is carried in front of a victory parade)**

**\*\* This restoration occurs in your life through complete surrender to God (Jesus as Lord) (Which means we understand that God is the Owner and we are the ones to faithfully Steward the responsibility and authority God has given us to be fruitful and multiply) and walking in friendship with Him (Fellowshipping daily with Him, feeling His heart, hearing His voice and living out of the source of strength, wisdom anointing that He gives us all the while living to return the Glory to Him).**

**\*\* All this is to be walked out organically, not as compartmentalized areas of our life.**

## **Scriptures**

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\* Thank God for Paul. The account of the cross came through the disciples who were eye witnesses, but the full meaning of the cross came through Paul as God revealed it to him when he was caught up in a trance in the desert for 14 years. He saw the entire mystery of God's plan. (What it's all about).

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***powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,***

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