

:: Dana's Weekly Insight ::  
02.19.07 – Do You have a Dream  
or Do You Have a Dream?



Are you someone who is capable of using and enjoying more than you already have right now?

Are you developing yourself right now, to be all that you could possibly be? Are you satisfied with a little even though you know that you are capable of having and doing so much more?

Consider that if you are satisfied with just a little, you just might be missing out! Perhaps life wants to give you oh-so-much more than what you already have right now!

**If you are a dreamer, then why not dare dream BIG? If you're dreaming big, then why not go for broke!**

Dream a legacy big enough that will continue to contribute:

- the power
- the elegance
- the beauty
- the richness

of life for you and for other people too for years and years to come?

Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas is currently the largest church in America, averaging approximately 30,000 weekly attendees. Joel Osteen is the Pastor of Lakewood Church, the largest Church in American history because --

Joel's father had a BIG dream.

His father was John Osteen. John Osteen had a dream. He had a big dream. His dream was to touch the lives of many people around the world with the message of God's love. John had an intense courage to believe in his dream and a passion for fulfilling it. His famous words would serve to fuel his dream:

*"Great it is to dream the dream, when you stand in youth by the starry stream. But a greater thing is to fight life through, and say at the end,*

*the dream is true."*

At first his BIG dream didn't look all that possible. Lakewood Church held it's first meeting on Mother's Day 1959, in an abandoned feed store with just a handful of members. Indeed, it didn't look so possible when he first started out. The way that it looked in the beginning was far from the vision inside John's head. But,

He had a BIG dream and,

*"...a greater thing is to fight life through, and say at the end, the dream is true."*

He knew that his vision would propel his dream and that church grew from a few people in the back of a feed store to 6,000 members strong. Eventually they were able to begin broadcasting their services on television all around the world. As a result, he would touch the lives of many. His son Joel worked as his television producer and was happy with his role behind the scenes.

In 1999 John Osteen died suddenly of a heart attack and after producing his father's television show for years, Joel Osteen stepped up from behind the scenes to assume the leadership position that would catapult Lakewood Church to where it is today.

In late 2003, after a long process, Joel Osteen and Lakewood Church acquired the Compaq Center (former home of the NBA's Houston Rockets), and today the Compaq Center is Lakewood's new home. The Center underwent over 70 million dollars of renovation to become The Lakewood International Center, which has 16,000 seats for Lakewood's services and houses the media department of Joel Osteen Ministries.

"Yesterday", they were in an abandoned feed store with a handful of members. Today, they are in the Compaq Center in Houston Texas with 30,000 members in attendance and a television ministry that broadcasts worldwide.

Imagine.

Joel Osteen lives a dream life today and his dreams just keep on getting bigger. His television audience has grown so tremendously that he now reaches a potential viewing audience of hundreds of millions in America alone, and hundreds of millions more overseas. Joel lives his dreams because his father, John,

dared dream a legacy.

A legacy which continues to contribute:

- the power
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- the richness

of life for many people for years and years to come?

Now Joel has a legacy dream of his own that he has already promised to his son.

And you?

Today, why not dare to just go for broke? Don't be satisfied with just a little! Dare to dream your legacy! What you might gain is oh-so-much more than what you already have right now and what you will risk is touching the lives of people that you might not ever know.

Today realize that every BIG dreamer started with a small thought about what would be possible if they were willing to take their vision just a little bit further.

Today, consider that Nelson Mandela, Howard Schultz, Oprah Winfrey, Lance Armstrong, were not born with grandiose goals and vivacious visions. But, they kept pushing the limits of what they thought they were capable of achieving. They keep developing themselves right now, to be all that they can possibly be, realizing that the ultimate nature of their purpose is the advancement and expansion of life; MORE LIFE!

Today, You can play that game too! It all begins with your willingness to dream a BIG dream.

**If you are a dreamer, then why not dream BIG? If you're dreaming big, then why not go for broke!**

Today, dream a legacy big enough to honor, who you really are.

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