

## Life Lessons: Dream Victim

Why am I always a victim in my dreams?

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Sometimes when we least expect it God gives us an answer to the question we have been seeking Him for. I call those God's *suddenlies*.

Recently I had experienced several dreams in an eight month period of time and in these dreams I was always a victim. I prayed often and asked the LORD to cover my subconscious while I slept but the dreams kept reoccurring.

You know how the thinking goes; maybe it was the pizza I ate last night [*Isaiah 29:8; Ecclesiastes 3:5a for a dream comes through much activity...*] or is there something in my past I am not dealing with? Reasoning out the many possibilities for the message of these dreams, the answer was yet to be discovered. I began asking God what the spiritual significance was to my dreams. [*Daniel 2:19a Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision;*

*Daniel 8:15; Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob's ladder*] Which shifted my thoughts to the possibility that they had a message for me and for others?

I searched out some books on dream interpretation and symbolism. The books mentioned are Christian authored and have a wealth of information to help anyone seeking more understanding to their dreams.

- Dreams and Visions by: Jane Hammon
- Interpreting the Symbols and Types by: Kevin Conner
- Secrets in Dreams and Visions by: Perry & Fred Stone

God communicates with us today in dreams and visions for various purposes; instruction [*Job 33:15, 16*], counsel, intercession [*Romans 8:26*], our personal lives, future events [*Daniel 8:26*], etc. A dream is given to us while we sleep and visions are given while we are in a wakeful state [*Acts 10:3 about the ninth hour [3pm] of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"*]

God gives messages from His Spirit to our spirit, which occurs during our dream state, the topic of this Life Lesson-Dreams. We can experience several dreams in one night and most of them we never remember. Keeping paper and pencil or a small tape recorder near our bed can help to preserve details of a dream if jotted down or recorded

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right away. The natural mind places events into our subconscious and while we sleep they form the majority of our dreams. Eating rich foods before bedtime may also affect our dream state as well as stress (a big factor). These are a few variables to look at when searching for the message of our dreams.

The dreams I had were from current life experiences; they were formed by my natural mind. One day I had just finished some light housework when the LORD spoke the answer to my question. God spoke to my spirit and said; “You are watching too much Lifetime Television movies.” **WHAT!!!!**

Now take a moment and think about it. Have you watched movies on Lifetime television [television for women]? What is the basic theme in these movies? Someone, usually a woman is portrayed as a VICTIM! Am I right?

Women are being influenced on a daily basis and our thinking is reinforced by the thought that we are victims. **Victims of society, victims of divorce, victims of men, victims of culture, etc. etc.** God never intended that kind of thinking process for anyone.

*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. [Ephesians 1:17-19]*

**There is a Life Lesson in this:** We have a responsibility to regulate and to choose what goes in our ear gate and our eye gate.

What are we feeding our minds when watching television? When I stopped watching Lifetime movies the victim dreams stopped! Listen to your heart when you make choices and ask the LORD to guide you by His Spirit in all things. [Lest the enemy catch you unawares]

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