

WISDOM SESSION

Dream Big

“There is certainly nothing wrong with an occasional stroll down memory lane, but God wants you to keep dreaming until the day you die. You’re never too old to go after the dreams God has put in your heart. And for the record, you’re never too young either. Age is never a valid excuse.” - Mark Batterson

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Neuroimaging has shown that as we age, the center of cognitive gravity tends to shift from the imaginative right brain to the logical left brain. And this neurological tendency presents a grave spiritual danger. At some point, most of us stop living out of imagination and start living out of memory. Instead of creating the future, we start repeating the past. Instead of living by faith, we live by logic. Instead of going after our dreams, we stop circling Jericho.

But it doesn’t have to be this way.

Harriet Doerr dreamed of going to college in a day and age when university populations were mostly male. Money, and then children kept her from going, but the dream never died. Half a century later, Harriet earned her bachelor’s degree from Stanford University at the age of sixty-seven. While most of her contemporaries were retiring, Harriet was just getting started. She also dreamed of writing a book. Her first novel, *Stones for Ibarra*, was published when Harriet was seventy-four years young.

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In the words of Harriet Doerr, “One of the best things about aging is being able to watch imagination overtake memory.”

So who’s right? The neurologists? Or Harriett? The answer is both.

As we age, either imagination overtakes memory, or memory overtakes imagination. Imagination is the road less taken, but it is the pathway of prayer. Prayer and imagination are directly proportional: the more you pray the bigger your imagination becomes because the Holy Spirit supersedes it with God-sized dreams. One litmus test of spiritual maturity is whether your dream are getting bigger or smaller. The older you get, the more faith you should have because you’ve experienced more of God’s faithfulness. And it is God’s faithfulness that increases our faith and enlarges our dreams.

– *The Circle Maker*, Mark Batterson

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. - Mark 11:24

KPKD - **Keep Praying, Keep Dreaming**

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David Trent believes that wisdom comes from continually seeking to learn and grow through relationships and reading, which leads to personal development. In an effort to inspire learning in others, David Trent sends out weekly Wisdom Sessions. He recommends purchasing and reading any book source used in these Wisdom Sessions.