

3 Steps to Partnering with God for Your Dream



I sat on the couch sick again from vertigo, an unending cycle of debilitating illness the doctors could not control. My health had literally been progressively spinning out of control for the last few years. I was sick and sinking into depression over how this disease was changing my life.

It was during this unlikely time that God birthed a dream in me, a dream to start a website. I remember thinking "But I know NOTHING about technical things, Lord, and am barely able

to use my own computer.”

To which He replied “You have plenty of time on your hands to learn.”

I’ve learned a few things since that day nine years ago—one lesson in particular I am still growing into: God wants to do much bigger things in our lives than we imagine, and when we work in tandem with Him, He shows up in big and little ways that always exceeds our expectations.

How about you? Have you ever felt totally inadequate to a dream or calling God has placed on your life? Then you’re in a good place, a place where God can move.

So let’s dive in and look at this process of partnering with God in your dream or calling. To be clear, this blog post is for the person who has already gone through the initial steps of establishing that dream or calling. If you’re not there yet, first work through this post [4 Steps to Starting Something New](#). Then come back here.

What Was I Thinking?!

But once you’ve started and are into the process, it is an exhilarating, scary place. The enemy will try to fill your head with doubts and at some point you’ll probably wonder “What was I thinking?!” God, however, is more than equal to the the task.

When doubts assail you, here’s an anchor to secure your floundering self to God: “The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple,” Psalm 19:7.

Now don’t be deceived; this one tiny verse is packed with power that can help you overcome hurdles and break through

confusion as you pursue your God-given dream. Let's look at it, two words in particular: *making wise*.

Making Wise

When I looked up the meaning of the phrase in the Hebrew (*Hakam*), I was astounded at all that it includes. According to my Keyword Study Bible, *Hakam* means "to be wise, act wisely, be intelligent, be prudent, become wise, to teach, to be skillful." Do you already see some ways God is going to equip you for what He has called you to? But it doesn't end there. I especially love the insight the author shares in the keyword dictionary about *Hakam*.

Denotes an intelligent attitude toward the experiences of life, including matters of general interest, basic morality, prudence in secular affairs, skills in the arts, moral sensitivity, and spiritual matters. The Hebrew concept of wisdom was very different from other ancient world views. Israelites believed in a personal God who is holy and just, who expected man to live according to His principles. They emphasized the human will rather than just mere intellect. The Hebrew concept of wisdom was therefore very practical, being based on what God had revealed concerning right and wrong.

This is huge for us. God shares His wisdom with us in *all* areas of life: our work, whether it's secular or spiritual; our creativity in the arts; our moral compass and minds; and of course, spiritually. God wants us to consult him about every area of our lives, work, family, calling, dreams, relationships, and spiritual matters.

So how can you apply this when you

are feeling overwhelmed in the birthing process of your dream or calling?

1. **Pray specifically.** Set aside time each day to pray and ask God detailed questions about your situation. Whether you're trying to meet a certain financial goal, you need new customers, or you want wisdom on how to best serve your small group, God is in the details. And He wants to be your partner in what you are doing. So treat Him like a partner. Ask questions. Discuss perplexing problems. "Prayerstorm," as Mark Batterson calls it. The excellent book *Starting Something New* by Beth Booram (see resource below) will help you work through the details of birthing your dream.
2. **Listen and write down** what you feel like He is saying back to you. I really caught on to this from a free teaching iBloom recently shared. It's called *How to Create a Prayer Strategy for Your Business*, but the core principles apply to any area of life. I highly recommend it. It's changed my life and the way I approach my dreams.
3. **Follow through** on what the Holy Spirit shows you. Obedience is key when partnering with God. He may give you some ideas on whom to contact, a class to take, someone to pray for, a blog post to write, a resource to study, and so on. As you are obedient, He will continue to bless you and entrust you with more ideas and things to do.

When you realize that God is your source of help and strength and you follow His leading, He'll take you on an exciting dream journey that will far exceed what you would have ever been able to do yourself

He did that with me. My website has grown into a ministry

called Only By Prayer that my sister Mary Kane and I manage together. God continues to bring new things to our journey and He “makes wise the simple” on a daily basis.

How about you? Where are you in the process? Share your thoughts below.

Dream on!

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Starting Something New: Spiritual Direction for Your God-Given Dream

By Beth A. Booram / InterVarsity Press Spiritual director Beth Booram has written this book to guide you through the spiritual process of defining and acting on the idea stirring within you. Interviews from people who have courageously embraced a God-prompted idea are included with each chapter to add further vision and insight. Carefully designed exercises at the end of each chapter will guide those in the beginning stages as well as provide practical help and support for those who are actively tending a God-given dream.