Series: Living in Faith – part 4 FAITH TO IMAGINE

1. Imagination shapes my life

"... For as a man thinks in his heart, so he is." Prov. 23:7 (KJV)

"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." Prov/ 4:23 (TEV)

2. Imagination is essential to living by faith

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see." Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

"We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever." 2 Cor. 4:18 (NCV)

3. Great lives are built around great <u>dreams</u>

"May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope that his calling holds for you." Ephesians 1:18 (NJB)

"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." Prov. 29:18 (KJV)

4. God's dream for my life is bigger than my dream

"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by his Spirit working deeply and gently within us." Ephesians 3:20 (Mes)

God wants me/us to dream big

Let the size of my **God** determine the size of my **goals**

5. Doubt is the enemy of imagination

"The man said, 'Please heal my son if you can.' Jesus replied, 'What do you mean, "If I can?" Anything is possible IF a person believes.' The father replied, 'I do believe, but help me not to doubt!'" Mark 9:22-24 (NLT)

6. God's Spirit and God's Word fuel my imagination

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth . . . you know him because he lives with you and will be IN you!" John 14:16-17 (GW)

"Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law . . . Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful miracles." Psalm 119:18, 27 (NLT)

THE KEY: A DAILY QUIET TIME

"The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so I know what to say to all these weary ones. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will." Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)