



CHRISTIAN Grandparenting Network

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Carry The Torch with Cavin Harper



Dear Cavin,

In case you did not receive the first issue of our weekly devotional email called CARRY THE TORCH, here is this week's message. To continue receiving future issues of CARRY THE TORCH, you will need to confirm your desire to be a CTT subscriber. Simply [click here](#) or on the Update Profile/EmailAddress link on the end of this message for our subscription page to update your profile and continue receiving CARRY THE TORCH. Please forward this email to a friend using the link at the end of this message to let them know about this new inspirational resource.

My prayer is that God will bless and strengthen you during this relay in which you "carry the torch" of God's grace and truth faithfully and transfer it to another generation who will continue the race. God bless you in this important task. Together we will CARRY THE TORCH for the glory of God and the prize of His high calling!

Cavin T. Harper
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The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of . . .

(Joel 2: 28) "I will pour out my Spirit on all people your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Dreams don't just happen. They are a gift from God. When Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his famous speech in which he proclaimed, "I have a dream", he spoke of more than wishful thinking, but of a dream born of a calling he could not deny and which only the eyes of faith could see -- his was a dream of faith and hope.

There are many examples of people God has powerfully used because they dreamed dreams and acted upon them. It is important, however, that we help our children and grandchildren understand the distinction between the kind of "stuff" dreams are made of -- the "stuff" of obedience to God's call, or the "stuff" of human determination. The call of God upon a life results in "dreams" given by God. He is the initiator and the enabler. It is not the needs around us that drive the man of faith, but obedience to the command of Christ. "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." The dreams of human determination may, indeed, accomplish great good, but the dreams compelled by the call of God will accomplish the greatest good and bring glory to God.

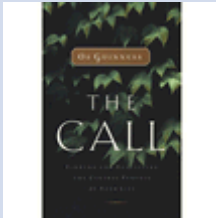


You can help your grandchildren know the difference through exposure to the Word of God and some of the great men and women of faith. Teach them the stories of the great men and women of the Bible, and expose them to the biographies of the giants of faith in more recent times -- people like Augustine, Martin Luther, John Knox, Hugh Latimer, Jonathan Edwards, Charles Spurgeon, D.L. Moody, Hudson Taylor, William Carey, William Wilberforce, John and Charles Wesley, Amy Carmichael, Nate Saint, Jim Elliott, and so many more. Read their stories to them, or give gifts of books or DVD's currently available about some of these people of faith.

Above all, PRAY for your grandchildren to walk by faith and truth, for these are the "real stuff" dreams are made of. Carry the torch of dreams compelled by Christ's love.

GRANDPAUSE WISDOM: *"Most of us, whether we are aware of it or not, do things with an eye to the approval of some audience or other. The life lived listening to the decisive call of God is a life lived before one audience that trumps all others -- the Audience of One." - Os Guinness*

Suggested Reading



[The Call](#)

By Os Guinness / Thomas Nelson

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