

THREE DREAMS SKIT

Note: This skit goes along with the DVD of the first International Council Session that was held in Houston, TX in 2011 at the Aglow International Worldwide Conference. The three dreams in the skit were given to Graham Cooke who spoke, along with Jane Hansen Hoyt, during the Council sessions. As the DVD is played, it will come to a place where it should be paused for the presenting of the skit. At the conclusion of the skit, viewing the DVD should resume.

THE FIRST DREAM

PROPS: Cardboard or paper sized very old automobile complete with dents, scratches, a large amount of visible use. Sign that reads, "Streets of a major city", "Sidewalk". Place the signs in front of the automobile as though it were driving down the street. A bed or sleeping bag or mat where someone could pretend to be sleeping.

If you do not have any men to play the parts of the old and young man, you will need two signs. One saying "old man," and one saying, "young man."

Young man is sleeping on the mat. Old car is in place as though it is driving down the street near the sidewalk. About 5 people are prepared to walk slowly down the sidewalk while the old and young man are having a conversation.

ACTORS: Old man, young man, various people who will walk down the sidewalk as though they are doing busy in the city. You will also need a narrator.

NARRATOR: To set the stage, I want to tell you about a series of dreams that Graham Cooke had. These dreams really changed the course of his life personally. The dreams changed the course of his leadership gift. The dreams absolutely changed the course of his ministry.

Graham had been in the ministry about 15 years when he had this dream and he was bored with the way things were going. He felt that he could no longer continue with what he was doing; going into churches, pouring out his heart only to see no change taking place.

YOUNG MAN: (yawning loudly, stretching, and getting up from his bed)

OLD MAN: (already in car, calls out loudly to young man) Hey, come take a ride with me!

YOUNG MAN: (looks at the old car with disgust, looks at the old man with a questioning look on his face, then gets in the automobile) Where are we going?

NARRATOR: You might not be able to tell, but the car is so beat up on the outside. It is a little bit smelly. There is a lot of trash on the inside. The seat is really uncomfortable and the engine isn't working properly.

YOUNG MAN: So, how long have you had this car?

OLD MAN: This beauty? I've had her my entire life. Served me well, too. Takes me to the same old places day in and day out.

YOUNG MAN: Bit uncomfortable ride, isn't it? And all this trash? Seems like you would clean it out if you wanted to invite people to ride with you.

OLD MAN: What is a little trash, sonny? Just move it around with your feet. You will be okay. Hey, can you take a look at that! (points to woman walking down side walk.) Have you ever seen anything so disgusting? That short skirt. That low cut blouse. Asking for trouble she is. I bet she has 3 kids and has never been married, that one. Trouble her whole life. (Young man just looks. Next, man walks down side walk.) Well, look at that, early morning and he is already drinking. His whole family is full of alcoholics. Such a loser. Oh and look at him. (Another woman walks down sidewalk.) She has never been able to keep a job. She lost her house too. Her son is on drugs. Her husband left with another woman. Why would he stay with her? (Another man begins walking down the sidewalk.) Look at that high and mighty preacher! Full of the Word? I'd say he is more full of himself. He is so insecure, filled with fear and worry. All of them have problems! Their attitudes are terrible. So judgmental. Failures. All of them.

NARRATOR: The dream went on half the night and when Graham woke in the morning, he was more depressed than before! All through the day, the dream kept going through his mind. He could not think. He could not sit. He walked around his city the whole day thinking about the dream and not really wondering why he hated the whole experience of the dream.

That night Graham went to sleep and he had a 2nd dream.

THE SECOND DREAM

PROPS: Same mat or bed for sleeping. New car. Shiny. Nice. Same signs for city and sidewalk. Same people.

ACTORS: Same as above.

Scene opens with the new car ready to go towards the city. Young man is asleep on the mat.

Car honks and wakes sleep man.

YOUNG MAN: (Stretching, yawning, scratching head, waking up. Stands up, looking towards new car.)

OLD MAN: (Calls out loudly, waving arm for young man to come get in.) Come on, sleepy head! I have things to show you. We have places to go. People to see.

YOUNG MAN: (Walks slowly towards new car, whistling in appreciation, running hand over it, calling out things he notices.) Nice wheels! Beautiful color! Is that a GPS?

NARRATOR: It was a nice new car, but the same old driver. The young man got in the car and they began to drive down the same old streets. This time the comments of the old man were a little more helpful.

OLD MAN: You see that woman walking down the street?

YOUNG MAN: That one?

OLD MAN: No. That one in the dirty clothes that look more like rags.

YOUNG MAN: Yes. What about her?

OLD MAN: She lost her job and is living under a bridge.

Young man: How awful! How can we help her?

OLD MAN: Do not worry. We have it covered. We started a feeding program and we have a clothes closet. And we give out blankets and warm coats in the winter. Look, you see that guy? Sleeping with his best friend's wife. But don't worry, we have a marriage counseling program at church and he and his wife are going to it. And see that guy? He has a crack cocaine problem. So sad, but we have a 12 step program to help him. (Young man is shaking his head slowly.) And you see them. Sinners. Anger issues. Abuse issues. But don't worry, we are putting together a series of training programs to help them manage their issues. In fact, we have lots of new programs that we are rolling out to empower people to deal with their situations. People have many problems, but we have ways to help them fix them.

NARRATOR: It was the same song with a different verse. This is wrong and this is wrong. The old man's point of view was fixed on wrong behaviors and sin. His way of dealing with problems was to create programs to help people manage their issues.

Graham woke from the 2nd dream with the same feeling of despair and depression that he felt after the first dream. He walked around all day talking to the Lord about the dream, but God was silent. Graham felt a sense of injustice rising within himself, but he didn't understand it.

That night, he goes to bed and has a 3rd dream.

THE THIRD DREAM

PROPS: Same as 2nd dream.

ACTORS: Two young men, same signs, same people

NARRATOR: As the dream started, Graham saw the same beautiful car that was in his 2nd dream. He really admired that car. It was so beautiful. He really wanted to buy it from the driver.

YOUNG MAN: (stretching, yawning, waking up. Rolls over and sees the new car. Gets up and heads toward it. He notices a new driver.) Hey! Where is the old guy?

NEW YOUNG MAN: He is gone. I am the new driver of this new car. Get in and let's go for a drive.

YOUNG MAN: (gets in car. Greets the new driver.) Glad to see you. That old guy was depressing me. Such a negative attitude. After a ride with him, I wanted to jump off the bridge!

NEW YOUNG MAN: I know!

NARRATOR: So Graham and the new driver begin to drive down the same streets in the same city. They saw the same people only this time, something was very different.

NEW YOUNG MAN: See that guy? (Young man nods yes.) God has sent him into this city to reach out to the homeless and help them become a productive part of society again. He prays for them to get off drugs and alcohol and frees them from demons that torment them. See that gal. Oh, you should see the plans God has for her. She does not realize them yet, but when she does, she will not be able to be stopped. This one coming down the street. He is an overcomer. Does not know it yet. But he will. And look at that one. She has an anointing everywhere she goes. She is going to hear the sound of chains hitting the ground, but she does not see herself walking in that anointing. She will though. And look at that guy, he is so full of encouragement but has low self-esteem. God is about to explode that and it is going to be so much fun! When he gets going in his gift of encouragement, no one is safe from a blessing.

NARRATOR: And so the drive went. A new man, driving a new car, seeing from a different point of view. He did not dwell on the behaviors, attitudes, or sins of the people, he consistently pointed to their identity. (Pause to allow words to be considered.)

When Graham woke in the morning, he felt strongly empowered. He woke with a fresh call to define who people really are in Jesus – not who they are in the earth, but how Heaven sees them. He woke with a call to define people, not by some religious observances, but to define them as the Father in Heaven really sees them.

When Graham sat down that day, God began to speak to him about the dreams.

Now we will return to the DVD and listen as Graham gives the interpretations of the dreams.