



*“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh...your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions.”
Joel 2:28*

It is true that God speaks mainly through His Word, but I believe He also speaks to people in other ways that draw them to Himself and His Word. I have read that Jesus is appearing in dreams to Muslims in the Middle East. After they see Jesus in their dreams, He leads them to the people who will explain the gospel to them.

Joe has had some interesting dreams! I had not met him until the day he stepped into the office to tell me the dream he had a few years earlier. He said that in his dream, “Buildings were crumbling, and the sky became a dark gray. Then a bright light appeared coming out of the sky and I heard a voice saying, ‘I am coming soon.’ I don’t know much about the Bible, but my mom is a Christian. When I was growing up, I was continually getting in trouble, and have been in and out of prison for the last 15 years. Since I had that dream, I can’t get it out of my mind. I know God was speaking to me to get right with Him.” I had the privilege of explaining the gospel to him. Joe told me he was ready to follow Jesus and give up his old sinful life. After praying Joe said, “Man I just feel such peace and joy. I can’t wait to get back to my cell and read my Bible!” When I visited with him a week later Joe told me, “I talked with my mother the other day about all the negative things that are going on with my family. Anger started to rise up within me against

my siblings for messing up and causing my mom problems. I said to Mom, ‘Let’s pray for them’. After I prayed with her there was silence on the phone, and I realized she was crying. When I asked her why she was crying, she said, ‘Because I never thought the day would come when you would pray with me!’ My old friends are asking me what has happened to me because they see me happy. They told me, ‘We just can’t see you with a Bible and going to church.’ They can’t understand why I don’t want to fight anymore.” Later Joe told me, “My celli (who is a Christian) is asking me why I am not picking up the Bible. I told him there just seems to be a mind block when I pick up my Bible and I don’t know what it is.” We talked about unforgiveness against others who hurt him in the past. I reminded him what Jesus said in Matthew 18 about how He would deliver the unforgiving person, “to the tormentors/jailors” until they forgive others from the heart. The one who has unforgiveness will be held captive by his/her unforgiveness. Joe admitted that he did have unforgiveness. He had five names that came to his mind. Joe prayed for God to forgive him for his unforgiveness, and asked God to bless them.

Joe told me, “The Bible is awesome, when I read it, it is reading me!” He meant it touched his inner being!

God is at work in the prison and it is a privilege for me to walk with these men who are beginners in the faith!

I appreciate your generosity with your prayers and financial support!

In Christ, Harlan

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