Title: Destiny unlocked I – Captivating the Imagination

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Jesus unlocks destiny - Do you know your destiny?

A Word unlocks our hearts

Your destiny is revealed in the countenance of the One who designed and purposed you to be. *

Genesis 15:1–6 (NKJV) ¹ After these things **the word of the LORD** came to Abram **in a vision**, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."** ² <u>But</u> Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, <u>seeing I go childless</u>, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Then Abram said, "Look, **You have given me no offspring**; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" ⁴ And behold, **the word of the LORD came to him**, saying, "This one shall <u>not be your heir</u>, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then **He brought him outside and said**, "Look <u>now</u> toward heaven, and <u>count the stars</u> if you are able to number them." And He said to him, **"So shall your descendants be."** ⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

A word from God is like a key. A key to people's hearts.

Brought him outside

*We also get caught up in our circumstances

You are a painting. Your heart is a painting of God's will for the world. God paints His beauty first within us, before He paints without.

Captivating the imagination

Abram, look up.

Prophecy: A word that captivates the imagination and <u>unlocks</u> the treasures of our hearts. You are a gift to this world.

Hope is a vision that is painted by God on the canvas of our imaginations.

*Abram – see the stars! You won't see it, until you "see" it. You won't see it in the <u>natural</u>, until you see it in your heart.

Holy Spirit – Primary work?

The work of the Spirit is captivate our imaginations, our hearts with visions of heaven, visions of the kingdom, visions of God. These visions causes the kingdom to come within us, so that the kingdom can come without.

Acts 2:16–19 (NKJV) ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

Primary working of the Holy Spirit? Prophesy. Visions. Dreams.

"You underestimate the power of your imagination. It is the birthplace of faith." It is the Womb for the purposes of God. It is the access point for God's kingdom to enter the earth.

**Protect your imagination. Protect the canvas of your heart. That is where God paints His story or the devil does his illegal graffiti.

Ultimate Destiny – God. Our exceedingly great reward.

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He is our reward!!

Believe – meditate on the words till you believe

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