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# Ephphatha



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Thanks to Jesus Christ who is the living and powerful Word that opens all doors closed before us.

I dedicate this book to all God's children who have asked, sought and knocked at the doors of His throne, needing release, opening of paths and a new chance. To those who need to discover their project of life and be someone accomplished and happy with it.

"Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech [NIV: ... who was deaf and could hardly talk...]; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'" (Mk. 7: 31-37)

## Introduction



What is your real reason to exist? What is personal fulfillment for you?

Let's begin our introduction, meditating a little about the text we read above. Jesus had already gone out of Phoenicia, passed through the Sea of Galilee, and now came to the region of Decapolis. Decapolis was a group of ten Gentile Greek cities, outside the Jewish control, to the east of the Jordan River, ruled by Rome. Their names were: Scythopolis, Damascus, Kanata, Raphana, Hippos, Dion, Philadelphia, Pella, Gerasa (Jerash) and Gadara. Prophetically, Jesus was showing everyone that His mission would be extended later to the Gentiles. For the traditional Jews, that was at least strange, since He was entering the 'enemy' territory, of idolatrous people, therefore unclean. The bible doesn't say in which village Jesus met the man, not even let clear if He found him in the way to Decapolis. However, the biggest lesson here is that, by seeing Him, the people of that city brought the deaf and mute man to be touched by Him. Therefore, there was some faith in the hearts of those people. The word of God also doesn't let clear if that disease was caused by an unclean spirit or if it was just due to human imperfection. Following, the biblical text says, "He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly... They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'"

First, let's think about the meaning of this healing. *Ear* symbolizes a *receiving channel of divine revelation*. In the Old Testament 'to listen to His voice' or 'to give heed His voice' meant 'to obey God'. The Hebrew verb translated as 'to obey' is *shāma' bē*, literally, 'to listen to' or 'to give ear to'. In the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the OT) and in the NT the verb is *hypakouō*, which means 'to hear beneath' or *eisakouō*, which means, 'to listen inside' (1 Cor. 14: 21: "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people; yet even then they will not listen (*eisakouō* – to listen inside) to me', says the Lord"). For us, this has meaning that God was acting in a non-Jewish people, but that had faith in His Son, to the point of bringing a sick man to be healed. In other words, it was a confirmation of what was prophesied in Isa. 28: 11-12: "Truly, with stammering lip and with alien tongue he will speak to this people, to whom he has said, 'This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose'; yet they would not hear" [*shāma' bē*, 'to listen to His voice', 'to obey'], repeated by Paul in 1 Cor. 14: 21, that is, the healing of that man was God's way of showing to His own people their unbelief and their lack of understanding of the divine miracles due to the hardening of their hearts. The voice of the Lord within each Israelite was not being heard or obeyed. The man was going through the same process, however, it could be because of the idolatrous spiritual influences around him, not exactly by the hardening of his heart to the things of God, for he didn't know Him yet.

Another interesting thing about that healing: at the beginning of the narrative, the Evangelist says that the man had '*an impediment in his speech*' [NIV: ... who was deaf and *could hardly talk...*], even because with the deafness he probably did a lip-reading, and the sound coming out of his mouth was quite different than a normal person could vocalize. At the end of the narrative, the comment of the people is that they were astounded at the power of Jesus to heal the mute. Anyway, speaking with difficulty or being mute, the most important is that the mouth of this man was prevented from saying what he wanted. So, when the Lord touched him, the bible says that "immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly." The word can be considered as a key (Matt. 16: 19: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven”) or as a sword that separates the truth from lie, the will of God from man’s (Heb. 4: 12-13: “Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account”).

Joining the last two paragraphs, the conclusion is that this man, under the bad spiritual influences or by a disease from birth or any emotional trauma that he had already passed, could not hear the voice of God properly, consequently, to speak His word in order to make his blessings come true. He couldn’t bring his dreams into existence, couldn’t open the paths of his own life, because there was an impediment. That’s when Jesus touched his ears with His fingers as a way of saying that He was removing the impediment to the hearing, and touched the tongue of the man with His saliva, not with the man’s, showing everyone it was the word of God that had the power to remove any obstacle in one’s life, making way for the fulfillment of the dreams of anyone who believed in Him. The world was created by the word of God; therefore, by Jesus Himself, the *Living Word* (John 1: 1-4: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people”).

Another interesting comment is that Jesus did with this man the same that He made with the blind man of Bethsaida: He removed him from the crowd to perform the healing, that is, showed him that if he wanted to have a private meeting with God and be truly cured, he had to move away from the world and from the carnal influences around him; then, he would be ready to hear properly the voice of the Lord and would have the free will to obey Him, to put His word into practice and bring his blessings into existence.

This book is an allegory that shows us how the word used correctly in our mouth becomes prophetic, bringing what’s good and fulfilling our dreams and the dreams of others. It is a book that talks about the life project for every child of God, both professional and ministerial; it also talks about hearing God’s call and about the power that He puts in our hands to open the locked doors, in order to experience the personal fulfillment, at the same time we can be His instruments on earth in whatever area which we operate.

Our main characters are: a man named *the Word* (symbolizing *Jesus, the Living Word*) and a boy named Samuel, who had a dream of being able to hear and speak, since he was deaf and mute, and thus be able to help many people to achieve their projects of life. Later, he discovers that God’s desire for him is even greater: to make him a prophet. *Samuel* (Hebrew, *Shēmū’el*) means ‘name of God’, ‘asked of God’, ‘heard by God.’ Our translation says in 1 Sam. 1: 20, “In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’”

Another character (a supporting character) that will be present in our story is a boy named *Asa* (‘āsā, in Hebrew, *physician, him who will heal*), who dreamt of healing the sick; he discovers that God’s dream for his life goes beyond, giving him the power of physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

*Ruth* (in Hebrew, *ruth*, perhaps the contracted form of *r<sup>e</sup>‘ūth*: *friend, companion, faithful and beautiful*) had a dream of having a blessed family that served the Lord. She finds out that God has for her an even greater family, like a flock which needs of a shepherd to guide it.



*David* had the will to be always near the father. Then he discovers that he is loved by God, not only by his earthly father, and that the Lord will be always by his side, helping him to reign over all things, making him a preacher of the Word. The name *DAVID* (*Dāwidh* or *Dāwidh*) has dubious roots and meanings, perhaps as *Dawidum* (“*chief*”) of the Old Babylonian. The Hebrew root ‘*dod*’ or ‘*dud*’ means ‘*love*.’ The meaning well known by all (“*The beloved of God*”) is possibly a description of the role of David as the Lord’s chosen to be leader of His people (As His beloved, who made all His will) instead of the actual meaning of his name.

*Daniel* (*Dāniyye’l* or *Dāni’el*, *God is my judge*) had a dream to be a lawyer or a judge some day. He feared God and prayed always asking Him for wisdom to exercise authority and justice. He discovers the right word that will open his path, and starts to experience the personal fulfillment and the divine power present in his mouth.

*Miriam* (Hebrew, *rebellion*) rebelled against the fact that she could not show her full potential in public, for the shame prevented her from dancing like a ballerina as she wished to be. Later, she discovers the joy of being able to sing, dance and celebrate the Lord, for she finds the true freedom in Christ.

*Esther* (*Ishtar*, in Persian, *as beautiful as the moon*, related to the Babylonian goddess of love and fertility, *Ishtar*; *Stara*, Persian = *star*; *Hadassah*, Hebrew, *myrtle*) wanted to be ‘the beloved of the king and know how to reign.’ She was a girl who was fascinated with the stories of princes and princesses and dreamt of being one of them some day. Later, she discovers that the plan of the Lord for her is to make her a beloved daughter and teach her how to reign over the spiritual world, freeing His people from captivity.

*Philip* (in Greek, ‘*Philippos*’, means, ‘*lover of horses, tamer of horses*’) – since childhood he dreamt of being a racing driver. Walking was little to him; his spirit liked the daring of speed, the thrill of the race. When he meets the prophetic word, he discovers that he was being called as an evangelist to run after the ‘lost’ and prepare the way to salvation.

*Solomon* (*Sh’lômōh*, ‘*peaceful*’; also called *Jedidiah* by the prophet Nathan, and that means ‘*beloved of the Lord*’) was a peaceful and quiet boy, except by the concern to never feel shortage of food. His mouth didn’t like to be at rest for a long time; he had to be always chewing something to give him the security that he would never suffer necessity. So, he discovers a great truth: the Lord has the project to bless him materially, in order to support His work. Solomon, David’s son, received the anointing of peace, prosperity and wisdom to govern the chosen people. Likewise, our Solomon was receiving the prophetic word, which would release his life to the peace, prosperity, and the wisdom to manage the material goods properly.

Along the journey, *Samuel* goes discovering his potential, and releasing the life of his brothers until return to Galilee, where *the Word* had scheduled a new meeting with him.

I hope you read this book under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be able to understand the higher purpose of God for your life, for example, to make you a powerful instrument in His hands to bless your fellow men in every ways, using the natural and the spiritual gifts that He has given you. Don’t ‘bury your talents.’ Multiply them, and thus you will experience the true fulfillment. Make use of your good humor to read.

*Ephphatha!* May the true door for you be opened!

- Note: The song in the book is literally translated to English.

## Yearning and answer



He had been listening for a long time to a constant prayer that came to His presence. His messengers brought to Him an urgent request for healing and another much larger, which for those who didn't understand miracles might seem like a real madness. That little boy didn't really understand what was happening to him. He didn't remember how he became deaf and mute. After all, being deaf and mute, not even his parents could explain him how it all started. Now, it didn't matter anymore, but The Word knew all things, for He knew the past, the present and the future of His beloved ones, and was planning a memorable experience in the life of him who prayed so much for His intervention.

He knew where that voice came from; Samuel was the name of His sonny. He could recognize the voice of each of them wherever they were, however numerous they were. To His sensitive ears, none of the thousands of voices was the same; all had a special timbre. He had wandered through a lot of places, healing, freeing, teaching the truth, showing the correct path, and now felt it was time to go down to the sea, for soon after there would be a big surprise for him who sought Him incessantly.



The Word was with God from the beginning. All things were made through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. Yes, He was the word that was opening the closed paths in the lives of all who had faith to break the natural limits and try something new. How many had been persecuted because of this faith! But He had never disappointed them. So far, all had achieved what they wanted and were placed in honor among their fellow men. The Word needed children like these to make His mission prevail. He had not come to lose any of those who the Father had given Him and would still give. He was not here to lose but to win every battle. More than that, He was ready to teach His warriors to be more than conquerors too, as He was.

He opened the map He had in order to check His route. Yes, He was on the right track. He walked just a little more and...

... there he was, the one who begged incessantly. Who saw him, thought he was psychologically ill because he was sitting with his head down, his hands constantly in motion, sometimes opening up toward the sky, another times being placed in the ears

and the mouth. No sound came out of his lips, but his thoughts were audible to the Word,

“Samuel, Samuel! Don’t despair. Everything has a way out; there is a solution for everything. What good is there now in living in anguish and wondering why you stayed in this state? Gosh! I don’t remember how it all started. I just know that this situation bothers me a lot. How long do I beg for help? I have big dreams, but they seem cloudy, still formless. My dear Samuel! Do you remember whence came this idea of bringing into existence people’s dreams to make them happy and fulfilled? Remember! First, it will have to happen to you. Otherwise, who will believe? Oh, boy! Stop being concerned with what you cannot do for yourself; just believe in the one who can do everything.”



He came out of his reverie when he saw a shadow near him. He lifted up his head to see who it was. There was a man there, tall and with a lovely and quiet look. It seemed that nothing bothered him. He took out the mantle that was upon his head, and then Samuel could better see his hair fluttering in the wind. He came closer and, as if He already knew him, put the fingers in his ears. What was that? What He did next made him even more concerned: He spat in His own hand and put his tongue out of the mouth as guidance for Samuel to do the same with his. He simply obeyed and the man touched his tongue with the saliva that was in His hand. He sighed, raised His eyes to heaven, and suddenly, the miracle came; Samuel heard clearly what He was saying,

“Ephphatha!”

“Hey! What is happening? I’m hearing and now I can speak. But how do I speak, if I never learned truly to speak? You said, “Ephphatha!” I heard correctly. Who are you, mysterious man? And what does this mean? Why did you come? Who sent you here? I could only pray with my thoughts. And why do you look at me as if surprised and happy? You never saw me before. You don’t know me; why are you laughing? Hey! Did you lose your tongue? Don’t you say anything? Do you just smile at me? What’s your name?”

“Samuel, Samuel, greatly beloved son! Pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.”

Samuel was trembling.

“Speak, Lord, for I hear.”

“Do not be afraid, Samuel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. I came to make you understand what there will be to happen in your life and with the dreams you have.”

“Umm! I’m ashamed! How can you know my dream?”



“I know everything!”

“You may know, but I don’t know everything. By the way, what’s your name? You haven’t told me yet.”

“I am The Word.”

“Hmm! And what does this mean? How did you open my mouth and ears? Do you know you did a miracle?”

“I always do miracles in the lives of those who believe in me. You know, Samuel! Many do not believe, but all who believe in me receive the power to become children of God. And they are born not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. Did you know that today you were born of His will?”

“I don’t! But if it’s so, all right; I’m happy for this. I just don’t understand one thing.”

“You don’t understand yet what I came to do here, do you?”

“What is it? Do you read my thoughts?”

“I have already told you I know everything about you. Let me tell you a secret. Do you know that our words have power?”

“I don’t know ... really? Now that I can talk, what will I do with my mouth? And how will I achieve my dream? Ah! Gotcha! If you know everything, then what is my dream?”

“Your dream is to hear and speak to help people to be happy and call their dreams into existence. Am I right? The first part is already done; you now hear and speak.”

“That’s right. And the second? It seems to be more difficult. In fact, if you know all things, why did I stay this way? I don’t remember how it all began.”

“You heard and suffered many things in the womb, when you still had no human form, and this was recorded inside of you, preventing you from listening and speaking, but today everything was undone and you were born again. Why don’t you tell me a little more of your secrets? Do you want me to keep talking about them?”

“No! Now I know you have power. I also know that you’re a good companion and my best friend. You know what? I’m very happy to hear the sound of the universe. Now I know how the birds sing, I hear the sound of the sea there down the mountain. I hear your voice, I even listen to the sound of the wind and hear my own voice. But...”

“Go on!”

“There is a voice I’m very curious to hear, do you know?”

“The voice of your God, am I sure?”

“Yeah! Because He alone will be able to answer the questions that I have about my dreams. Can you answer me?”

“I know Him very well; it was He who sent me to you. I have the same power than Him and I will give it to you today.”

“And what is it?”

“Listen, Samuel! To accomplish your dreams and the dreams of people, you need to have dominion over the Word.”

“Huh! Word is your name. What do you mean, then?”

“The Word means the word of God, which has the power to open the closed paths and bring dreams to life. But first you need to receive this gift.”

“Ah! Now I understood. You have this gift and will give it to me too, won’t you? Gosh! Now I can open the door to my friends.”

“Then start with yourself. You can see, Samuel, can’t you?”

“Yes, thank goodness!”

“But to understand correctly what God wants to give you today, and His plan for your life, you will need something else.”

“And what is it?”

“His sight, that is, the vision of the spiritual things.”

“And what do I do then?”

“Imagine that you are a prophet. Imagine that you are speaking the word of God and opening the doors of the blessings to people. Now say, ‘Ephphatha!’”

Samuel closed his eyes, focused on his dream and said,

“Ephphatha!”

Then he felt that something happened. His spiritual understanding was opened and he could see clearly what was receiving; what he said would happen. Ah! ... This was the spiritual vision of God that reached his life. Now, he knew His project and could accomplish it without fear, for the word that came from his mouth came from the mouth of the Lord. He began to notice the difference. It came with security, clarity and power, like fire. He rejoiced greatly and repeated,

“Ephphatha! Open up!”



“And now, how do you feel, son?”

“Powerful.”

“You will grow up and God will always be with you, as I’ll be by your side. And none of your words He will let fall to the ground. All will know that you’re a trustworthy prophet of the Lord and my voice in your heart will be the certainty that you’ll never be alone.”

“Are you going away? Won’t you stay with me here?”

“I’m already with you, but I have some work to do elsewhere. When you remember me, talk to me and I’ll hear you where you are. Let’s make a deal?”

“What kind of deal?”

“You will exercise your dream and I will do my work where I need to do. But we’ll meet later on the Sea of Galilee. Are you seeing this map? We are here. You go this way and I’ll go the other way and then we’ll meet here. So you’ll tell me your experiences, right?”

“I understood! You know what? It seems that you’re inside here and it’s your voice that speaks for me. When I said, “Ephphatha!” it seemed like you were saying. Now I feel safe.”

“Give me a hug of goodbye, buddy.”

“Right now! Thank you for the miracle. My people won’t even believe it.”

They separated physically, but would never separate from each other’s hearts. Samuel continued to walk and was meditating,

*“Guy, what a different thing! You became important. Now you know who you are. Let’s exercise personal fulfillment, Samuel. Forward, march!”*

## Personal fulfillment



Ephphatha



## To heal the sick

Samuel went his way and stopped at a house where a boy cried. He moved closer and heard the voice of a man with a white coat and a medical instrument in the hands. He tried to calm the boy.

“Hey, kid! I won’t hurt you. I just want to know how your heart and your lungs are. Okay? Stay quiet the examination ends soon. Come on, breathe. I’m telling you to breathe, not to scream; otherwise, I won’t hear what I want.”

“I’m tired of you; I’m tired of coming here. I know what comes next. You will put this thing on my tongue and then I’m going to vomit. It’s horrible!”

“Asa, be quiet, or it will be even more horrible. Your father and I can’t stand these colds anymore. I told you several times, ‘Be careful with the ice cream’, but you don’t obey and then we have to bring you to the doctor. Come on! Stop whining and breathe. Then open your mouth and say, aaaaahhhh! Don’t bother Dr. S. Neeze anymore.”

“I don’t like the red hair or the color of his face; it looks like he has a fever.”

“Asa, more respect for the doctor!”

Asa obeyed unwillingly, but he did not agree with those orders. What story was this about ice cream causing a cold? What caused a cold were those negative words that he had to hear every day, saying he would get sick if he did this or that. Did these people not have faith? If he were a doctor, he would treat his patients better, and if he were a mother, he would travel more often so that children would be alone and free to eat lots of ice cream. What a good thing, especially in that heat of Judea! He thought, *“Who can stand living in the sun all day?”*

“It’s finished, Asa, my boy. He’s okay, Mom! He is very well; just a little of phlegm in the bronchi because of throat irritation, but will not need any medicine this time. Perhaps a cup of eucalyptus tea at night...”

They left, and Samuel accompanied them back to their home, but they didn’t notice. The mother came in and advised the child,

“Stay playing in the garden, but don’t go into the street. It’s almost time to take a shower and have dinner. I will make a very hot soup and then some tea for you to sweat a lot. Thus, the cold goes away.”

Poor Asa! He looked up and two tears rolled down his face. When would he grow up and have his independence? He was tired of being treated like a sick. He was tired of being forbidden in the things he liked most; moreover, he was tired of hearing so many bad things. Where did these people learn such nonsense? He only thought of his dream: some day to be a doctor, but different from those who were out there and caused the patient to hear only terrible news. The poor things came out worse than when they entered in their medical office. He would like to hear and say good things and, if God helped him, he would give just news of health and hope to the sick. It was awful to be sick.

“Hey, boy! Who are you? Mom will be so angry to see you here talking with me that she might even kill you. By the way, do you have ice cream there?”

“Nah! She cannot kill me. I don’t have ice cream with me either. But don’t be impressed by the threats; they are things of people who do not know The Word.”

“Who?”

“First, let me introduce myself. I’m Samuel and I know a secret to make your dreams a reality. I am a friend of the Word. And what’s your name? I heard the doctor call you Asa. That’s right?”

“Yes! What’s wrong with my name?”

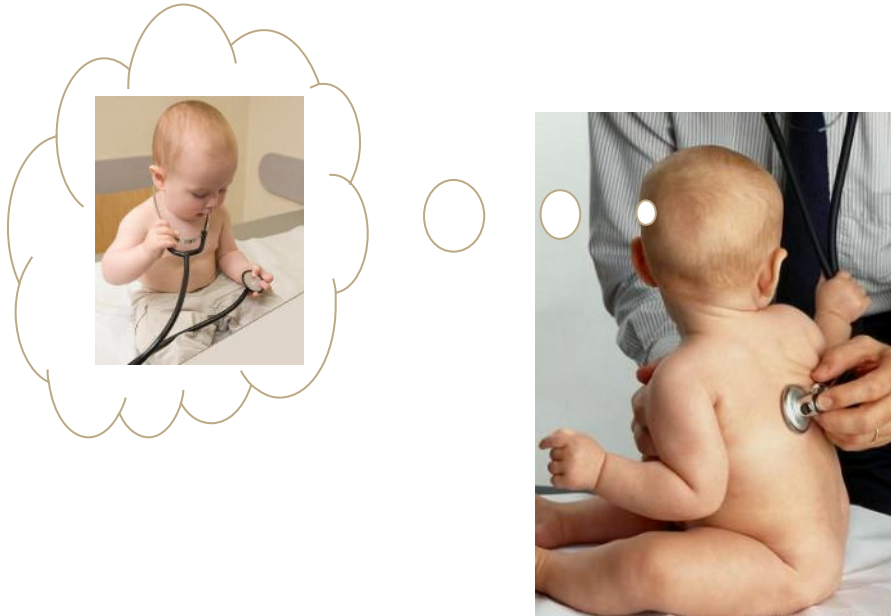
“Nothing; it’s just different!”

“It means ‘*physician*’ or ‘*him who will heal*’”

“Do you know what I’m doing here, Asa?”

“No. What did you come here for?”

“I came to tell you the secrets for you to achieve your dream.”



“What is it?”

“Your dream is to become a doctor, is it not?”

“How do you know? And who is this *Word* that you talked about?”

“I am a prophet and *The Word* is my best friend. He is the word that opens the door to our dream to become a reality, but we have to believe that it works.”

“All right. What should I do?”

“First, you’ll have to reject these negative words; they are making you sick. Then, you have to feed your dream with good thoughts and study hard in order to conquer it. Above all, you need to master the word that comes out of your mouth, knowing that it has power to build or destroy. You also need to have much love for people and know that they are sick because they don’t know *The Word*. When one does not know *The Word*, it’s hard to have the correct view of things, and therefore, one makes the wrong decision, which will only worsen the situation.”

“I would like people to feel safe when they came to the doctor’s appointment and came out better than they entered my office. I would also like to use as few remedies and painful examinations as possible. I know they are necessary, but sometimes they scare people and they don’t come back anymore.”

“Do you accept to make a test?”

“Yes! What is it?”

“You’ll close your eyes and think of your dream. Have you ever thought about God’s plan for you?”

“No. Can I know?”

“Of course! Let’s continue with our test. Close your eyes and think of your dream. See yourself happy doing it and see God using you for deeper things. See the people

leaving happy and content with your work and totally healed. See a balm coming out of your mouth when you're talking to them. How about? What did you see?"

"I'm not sure yet, but I would like to have more strength to believe in my dream."

"So let's use our secret weapon, *The Word*."

"Go ahead!"



"“And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Ephphatha!"



"Hey, Sam, I see, I see. Now I realize that He separated me not only to heal the body but the soul and spirit. He is there. He is *The Word* you know, isn't He? Can He be

my friend too? I need this friend. Introduce me to Him, please. I also want to master the word. It opened my door. I'll keep it forever in my heart. Thank you, Samuel."

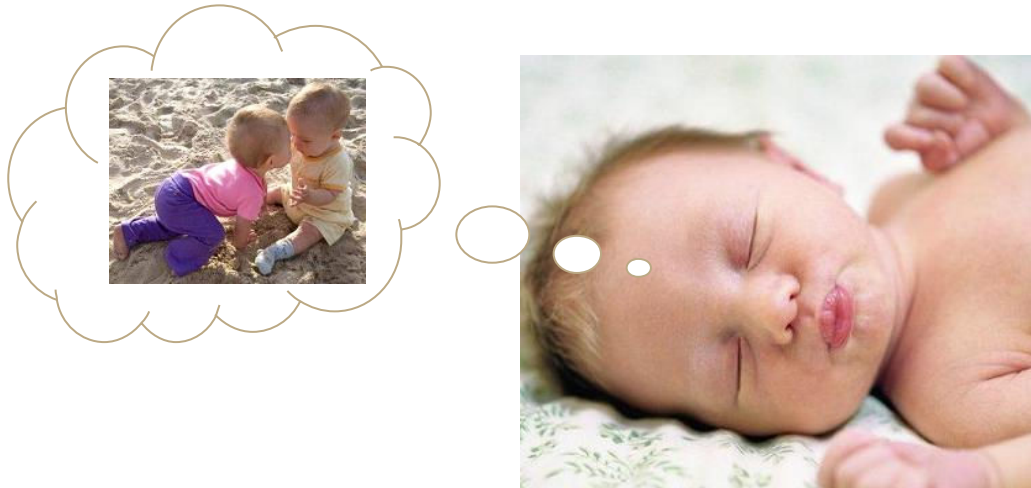
"I'm glad you're firm in your dream; nothing can stop you from enjoying your personal fulfillment." Go on dreaming, my friend, and growing stronger. The Word is now living inside you. When you need help, just call on Him and He will hear you wherever you are. I have to go, I have more experiences ahead."

Samuel set off and saw that Asa was very glad, enjoying his dream. The door was open; nothing would close it anymore. The prophetic vision of Samuel revealed to him the fulfillment of his friend and he was happy with this. Asa received the true gift of healing.

## To have a blessed family that serves the Lord

Samuel went his way. He began to like his work. What he liked most in it were the fruit of joy that he could see when the inner potential of his friends was aroused. They found out the project of God behind their dreams, making them bigger and giving a special flavor to them. *"Hmm... What I see there?"*

"Excuse me for interrupting, but are you asleep or awake?"



"I was daydreaming and you interrupted me. Now it's not funny anymore. Who are you?"

"My name is Samuel and I am a prophet, and who are you?"

"I am a little girl and I'm dreaming of one day to have a happy and blessed family that serves the Lord."

"Did you succeed?"

"What are you talking about?"

"Did you succeed in your dream?"

"I don't know! It seems very hard to believe that one day I'll get my dream, you know? My experiences in family are not very good. The other day I thought about running away from home. My little suitcase was almost ready, but I gave up because I did not know where to go. I wanted to escape to a place where people shouted less, quarreled less, were less rude and had more faith in God. All this influences me and then I no longer believe. Will someone ever like me?"

"I like you."

"Do you want to marry me?"

"I didn't say that."

"Okay! Don't get angry. I was just trying, it costs nothing—"

"I already know what you need."

"What?"

"The Word."

"I don't like to take medicine."

"And who said anything about taking medicine?"

“I don’t know! This name reminds remedy for memory.”

“It’s almost that, but it doesn’t taste bad. You didn’t tell me your name.”

“My name is Ruth. I am friend, companion, faithful and beautiful, don’t you think?”

“Yes, but nothing of this holds a man, or gives you a happy and blessed family.”

“I know! It is the Word, isn’t it?”

“Yeah! He is my best friend. I’ll introduce Him to you. He lives within me.”

“And how do I do to see Him?”

“Just listen to what He has to say about your dreams.”

“You know, Samuel! I would like to be able to believe, really, that one day I will have many children and that they all will be a blessing to the Lord. Then, I wonder, ‘What if I fail? And if I make a mistake in their education? It is very difficult to care for children.’”

“Why don’t you throw away all those bad thoughts and words, and put in your mouth the right word?”

“And what is it?”

“First, let’s see if you pass the test.”

“Test! What test?”

“The faith in the dream.”

“And how is it?”

“Close your eyes, as you were doing before. Now, see yourself surrounded by loving and receptive people who pay attention to what you say, and feel yourself safe and loved by them. See your husband and children serving the Lord with all their heart. See them as a field of wheat that you planted with love and that is fruitful, bringing much joy to your soul. Did you get it?”

“It seems that something is missing ... I don’t know what it is.”

“It’s The Word, the Living Word to open the door of your dreams. Get ready! Open your ears and heart and the miracle will come...”



... There it goes, ‘But you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,



therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.' Ephphatha!"

"Oh! What is happening? How many people! Where did they come from?"

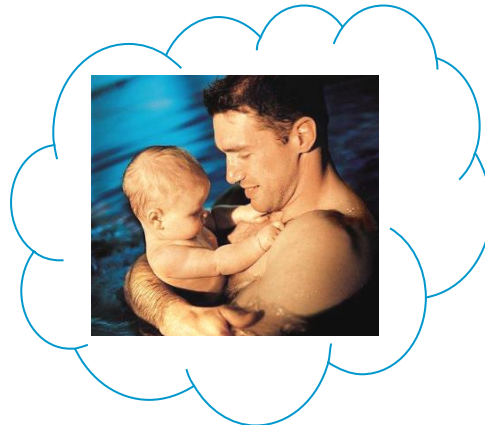
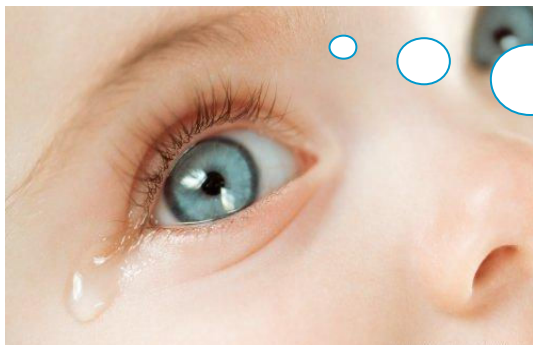


"What are you seeing, Ruth?"

"Ah! Now I understand what the Lord wants of me. My family will be bigger than I thought. It is like a flock that needs a shepherd to guide it. Oh, glory! The word really works. You don't need to say anything else, Samuel. I feel The Word living inside me and I'm sure that the door to my dream was opened."

"While you enjoy your dream, I'll help another dreamer to carry out his project. God bless you, Ruth, my little friend."

## To be always close to the Father



What was Samuel seeing there? Another little boy crying? What would be this time?

“Good morning! What’s your name, my little brother? And why are you crying?”

“My name is David and I’m sad because my father traveled again and I miss him. It’s his job, you know? But I wanted he had another, just to spend more time with me. I feel very lonely when he leaves. I love Mom, but with Dad is different, do you understand me? We can have the freedom to talk from man to man. And your name, what is it?”

“My name is Samuel and I am a prophet. I’m here to help you achieve your dream. I have an infallible recipe.”

“Does it make our father get a job closer and that pays more and can give him more time to stay at home?”

“Well, I don’t know exactly. What I know is that it gives more than we can ask or think; it depends on how we use the power that works within us.”

“What power is this?”

“Don’t you know? To be a friend of The Word.”

“Oh, no! Away with it. I wouldn’t trade my father for anyone else. The rest is deception. They promise everything and don’t fulfill anything. I only have one father and want to stay close to him and that’s it! Besides, I get a bit jealous when he arrives and only pays attention to my younger brother. He is boring, as only he can be! He just cries and throws tantrums and does nothing useful. He doesn’t even know to speak well. He makes a mess in the whole house, wastes the milk of the bottle and still receives gifts. Is this fair?”

“Umm! I think you’re not only jealous but also revolted. This is not good.”

“Ah! Don’t bother me, leave me alone.”

“Listen here, you spoiled brat! Have you ever thought that you are only imagining all this? Have you ever thought that your father loves you more than anyone else and gave you everything that is his? After all, you’re the eldest, the firstborn.”

“What is the firstborn and what does it matter?”

“The firstborn is the eldest son and has always belonged to God; in ancient stories, when the father of the family died, the eldest son had twice as much inheritance than the other brothers and the right to lead all of them.”

“Is it so?”



“Yeah! What if I told you that I have a friend who can fulfill your dream and even show you His plans for your future! He’s called The Word and is the Living Word that opens all closed doors in your life, removing the sadness and frustration. What will you be when you grow up?”

“Ah! What nonsense! It’s still so far away... I’ll worry about this later.”

“It’s not nonsense, no. It is since we are little that we plan our path and feed our dreams.”

“Do you have any idea?”

“Well! Let’s think about it... You are the eldest son and have more rights. What you want most is to have your father always with you to teach and protect you. As it seems you would do anything to please him, wouldn’t you? Do you know what I think? You would be an excellent teacher. So, you could teach other kids to want the same thing as you: to be near their father and receive from him everything they need.”

“Let me think... This means that I need to learn first and then teach... I need my dad to teach me the right things... If he left me the things he knows in writing, I could read them while he is away and then I wouldn’t feel lonely, don’t you think?”

“Exactly. Now I will give an infallible recipe to get this.”

“So, speak.”

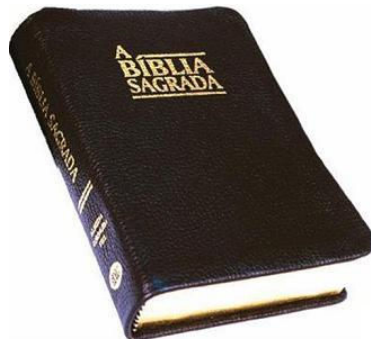
“First, you need to know my friend and learn how to deal with the word.”

“Are you talking about The Word?”

“He himself.”

“What is he like? Is he nice?”

“I’ll show you what he looks like.”



“Yeah! ... He seems to be a good guy. Does he speak?”

“Of course! Ask him what he has planned for your life.”

“I think you’d better ask.”

“So listen. While he speaks, close your eyes and see yourself in the lap of your father forever. See if you can see anything else.”

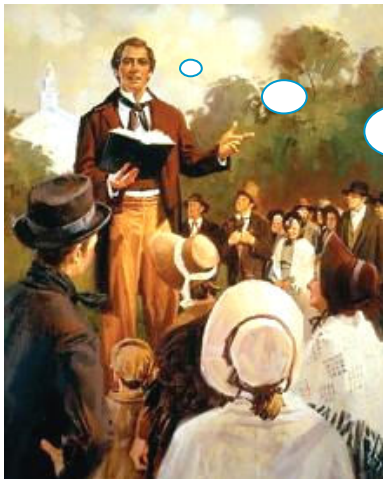
“Okay! You can speak.”

“‘My son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’ Ephphatha!”

Ephphatha

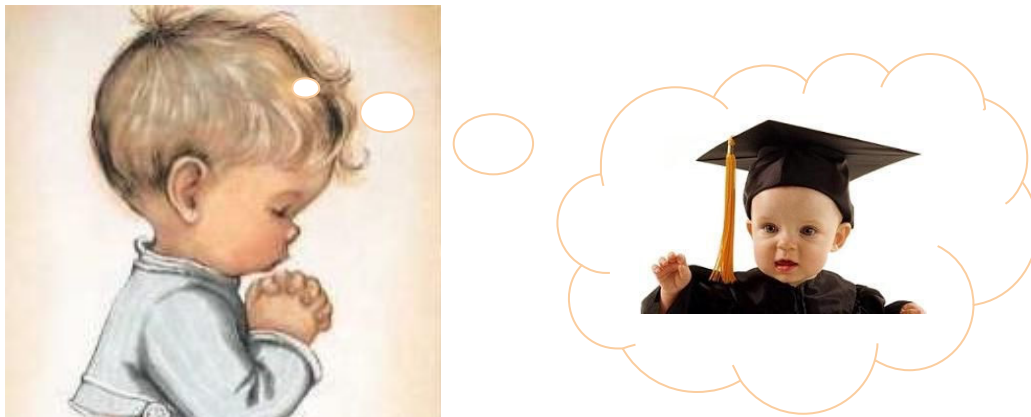


“Samuel, what an amazing thing! I’ll be a teacher but also a preacher of the Word. Now I can feel that your friend, The Word, is the Father that I need to all times and He is the father of my father too. I see that He is repairing all things and putting them in their proper places. Everything will be okay. I also realize that I’m not alone. The Word lives within me and all those who feed on Him have a double portion of the firstborn. Thank you, Samuel. I’ll never forget what you said.”



## Wisdom to exercise authority and justice

Samuel left his little friend David enjoying the revelation and went his way. What a so beautiful and so pure prayer was that! Anyone who heard would have certainty that it sprang from the bottom of the heart and was addressed to heaven as a special request. He approached gently not to interrupt the intercessor. Within a few moments, he who prayed opened his eyes and saw Samuel.



“Hello!”

“Hello... Please continue; I didn’t want to interrupt.”

“I finished. What’s your name?”

“I’m Samuel and you?”

“My name is Daniel. Do you know? I was asking God for the fulfillment of my dream. I’d like to be a lawyer, maybe a judge, but I discovered something very important in the last few days: I need wisdom to exercise authority and justice. Without it, I’ll never be able to exercise my profession with dignity.”

“Why did you decide to be a lawyer?”

“I do not accept the injustice I see in the world. I know it’s a great responsibility to be a lawyer or a judge, but if my God helps me I won’t make mistakes in my decisions. It seems a dream that will never be accomplished because the injustices are so many and I’m so small and frail. Furthermore, when I feel angry I even become afraid of myself; I look like a lion.”

“I think this is good, depending on what or whom you will devour.”

“What a weird talk! What are you talking about?”

“I’m talking about a friend I know. He told me the story of a boy who was a slave, and later, when the king saw that he was different from all others of his age and had a greater intelligence, he called him to live in the palace. After having interpreted some indecipherable dreams and visions to the king, the boy gained his confidence, and from that moment on he was placed at the highest offices of government. When some people tried to kill him, throwing him into a den to be eaten by lions, they did not touch him, for God sent an angel and rescued him. The lions ended up eating those who unjustly accused him.”

“I didn’t understand. What does this have to do with me?”

“It means that the boy of the story has discovered a secret, which opened all closed doors in his life and, therefore, he got everything he wanted.”

“What is it?”

“He also knew my friend, The Word.”

“What name is that?”

“He is the Living Word that puts into action the divine power in favor of His children. Those who believe in it overthrow great walls and achieve a greater intelligence than the common people.”

“Will this help to fulfill my dream?”

“More than that, it will show you who normally causes injustice. Thus, you’ll no longer feel afraid of your anger, for you will learn to master it and fight the right way.”

“So, teach me.”

“Close your eyes and see yourself judging a case and winning. Think of the happiness of your client when he witnesses your wisdom and efficiency. Now, see yourself as a lion, and ‘roar’ what I’ll tell you now, that is, repeat the words of strength that I’ll say. Ready?”

“Ready! You may speak.”

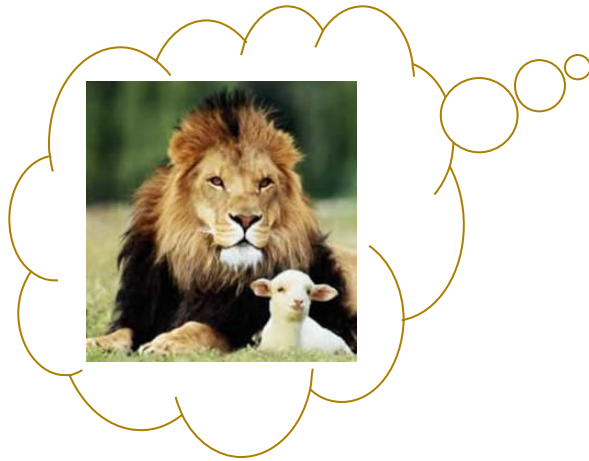
“‘An excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel.’ Ephphatha!”



“Wow! What a marvelous thing I see! Samuel, do you see too?”

“Yes, you are full of my friend’s power and wisdom to judge all causes without fear of making mistakes. I also see that you discovered the ‘generator of troubles and injustices’, didn’t you?”

“Yes, but I ‘roar’ louder than him and win. The Word dwells within me and I believe that my dream will become a reality.”



## To dance and celebrate the Lord

Samuel was so happy with his experiences as if he himself received all those blessings that had been achieved so far. He looked ahead and saw a little girl who quickly hid behind a tree when he approached. He could only hear her laughing, but noticed a certain shame in her, preventing her from exposing herself before any stranger.



“Wait; don’t run away, I’m a friend.”

(Chuckles)

“Are you ashamed of me?”

“You almost caught me doing something.”

“What kind of thing? Good or bad?”

“It depends! For me it is good, but for others it seems ridiculous.”

“Why don’t you show yourself? Come! I’d rather talk to you without the tree between us.”

Miriam came out from behind the tree. This was her name and she was very beautiful and graceful.

“I’m Miriam and who are you?”

“I’m Samuel and I’m here to help you achieve your dreams.”

“Why? What’s special about you?”

“I have a friend who helped me to hear and speak, and after that, I found out my mission. I love it. I see people being happy and learning to free themselves from their own inner chains. They learn the secret and put it into practice; then, they achieve all they want. Do you want to try?”

“Hmm... I don’t know! Can you find out what my dream is?”

“I can imagine, do you want to see? You want to be a ballerina and make people happy with your dance.”

“Who told you that?”

“My best friend. He lives inside me and reveals me many things. It is true, isn’t it? Is this not your dream?”

“Yes! But I am ashamed to dance in front of people. I feel very happy when I dance, but if someone sees me dancing then I stop. This makes me very upset with myself; I must overcome this feeling. I’ve rebelled against it, but have not yet found out an effective way to destroy this impediment.”

“Can I try? I know a secret, The Word, the Living Word.”

“What is this?”

“It’s the gift that my friend gave me to open the closed doors and keep them forever open, making people accomplished and productive. What else do you dream, besides dancing for people? Have you ever asked God why He gave you this gift?”

“No! I don’t even know if I’ll dance someday.”

“What is this? Consider otherwise. You’re bigger than your enemy, the shame. It is a lie that prevents you from being happy and accomplished. Nobody will find ridiculous what you do because my friend, The Word, will show you what He can do with your happiness, your dream and your gift.”

“Then show me how it works; I want to see.”

“First you have to believe that the word will work; then, you will close your eyes and imagine you are dancing in a very beautiful place where everyone is applauding you for your sweetness and grace. Look to see if there is something else. Look at the details of the place and see if there is any particular person that applauds you. Let’s go, don’t be afraid. Try it.”

“All right. Come on. Speak.”

“‘Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more... The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.’ Ephphatha!”



“Samuel! Can you see it too? I’m in a place with many people who also like to dance and sing. They lift up their arms and worship the Lord. Ah! I know who you were talking about. There is someone in particular who applauds me. He is seated on a throne



with much light, and from His mouth comes a sharp two-edged sword; in His garment it is written, 'King of kings and Lord of lords.'"

"It's my friend, The Word. Now you know Him and He lives within you. Did you discover His project for your life?"

"Yes! I am a worshiper. My dance and my music will be a way of building the lives of many people. I'll do the same as you, 'Ephphatha!'"

"Goodbye, Miriam. You discovered The Word. Now, sing and dance freely to Him."



He was gone, and from the distance, he could hear the happy songs of that true worshiper.

*I will praise you, my Lord  
With all my heart I will sing praise  
Those who are yours will see me  
The mighty ones I will overthrow*

*Before the altar I will bow down  
Your mercy I'll sing  
You answered me when I called on you  
In you, I will strengthen myself forever*

*Great kings will praise you  
By listening to your word of power  
Great is your glory, O God  
My life you come to restore*

*You come to save me from the enemies,  
And my dreams you will accomplish  
Merciful and good you are  
Now I will always say, Ephphatha!*

*Ephphatha! Ephphatha! Ephphatha! Ephphatha!  
(Inspired by Psalm138)*



## To be the beloved of the king and know how to reign



She was behind the fence, and so absorbed in her reading that she didn't even notice his presence. When she saw him, she was frightened.

"Huh! You frightened me!"

"You are reading something very interesting, as I can see."

"Yes, it is very important to me."

"I know! It's your dream, is it not?"

"Who told you that?"

"My friend, The Word, who lives inside here. By the way, what's your name?"

"I'm Esther, and you?"

"My name is Samuel and I am a prophet. I know the secret to bring dreams to reality. Do want to try? First, tell me everything."

"Do you promise me that you will not get spreading to everybody?"

"I promise complete secrecy."

"I love these stories of princes and princesses, kings and queens; even more when a bold and fearless knight appears to defend the weak and oppressed. I don't know!... It seems that nowadays there are no more kings or queens or princes or princesses or knights. What am I going to do? I don't want to feel frustrated."

"Well! Nothing prevents you from marrying a prince who loves you very much. There are still many plebeians who become princesses and queens. But most important of all is that you, wherever you are and working anywhere, still can be a queen. I mean you can be loved by the King and have the same authority and wisdom to rule, do you understand me?"

"More or less, explain yourself better."

"Since you are so fond of stories, I'll tell you one story that my friend told me at 'firsthand'.

"First... what?"

"I'm talking about breaking news, do you understand me? He knew, particularly because he knows the king and the queen."

"Now it's getting how I like. Continue."

“Well! It’s about a king, warrior and conqueror, who returned from the battle bringing great spoils. For all to see, both the subjects as the other kings his friends, he decided to throw a party for a long time in the palace. In the end, he also wanted to show the queen to all the guests and called her to appear before them with the royal crown on her head. She must have been startled a little, for they could all be drunk after so many days drinking wine. So she sent him a word that she would not go. He, then, enraged, deposed her of the position of queen. He stayed alone for a long time; so his servants suggested him to choose another queen to be by his side. They called all the young women of the kingdom that could please the king. Afterwards, they chose only seven, which were being prepared for a whole year to be introduced to him. Among them there was a plebeian who was from another nation and was afraid of being discovered. When her turn came, she was taken to the monarch and he loved her more than all the others, making her queen in place of the former one. So far, it was everything okay, but then, the shameless prime minister, an evil man, decided to kill all the inhabitants who were of the same nationality as the queen. As her cousin worked for the king, he learned of the plot and told her, asking her to come to him and begged him to free her people from destruction. Of course she was afraid, but found out the reason for being queen, and spoke to the king, denounced the culprit, who was hanged, and thus she freed from death all her countrymen. And they lived happily forever. What do you think?”

“I don’t know if I would have the same courage she had, for she might be killed too. Do you know her secret?”

“The same as mine. She talked to The Word.”

“Oh yes! Your friend. What does he do, exactly?”

“He is the Living Word that makes miracles happen, and makes the doors of the dreams open.”

“How can he do anything in my case then?”

“Do you accept to do a test?”

“It depends...”

“It doesn’t hurt. Close your eyes and imagine yourself as the girl of the story. She was poor and unknown, but God made her queen because was pleased with her. Imagine that you have been chosen as the favorite of the king and received the crown. Then, you find out a plot in the kingdom and must do something to put an end to the situation. You go to the king, who hears you and does justice. How about that?”

“Huh! Is that all? Something more specific is missing, but I don’t know what it is.”

“It is the bigger project of God for you, which will make your dream gain more sense. Do the experience again and get ready. I will use the secret weapon, The Word, ‘the king loved Esther more than all the other women; of all the virgins she won his favor and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen... then her cousin said to her: for if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.’ Ephphatha!”



“Why everything began to glow and tremble now? Aaaah! I see. I am the queen, but the king is the Lord and He is giving me the authority to shake heaven and earth with my petitions. The enemy, who seemed to be the prime minister, now I know who he is, is ‘that evil one!’... And when I speak to the king, the adversary falls from his place and runs away in fear, right? Cool! This is my kingdom. My subjects may feel protected because my King defends me and does justice to all of us. Thank you, Samuel. This is what I call Power.”



Our Prophet was delighted with the results. People had the understanding to see the truth. The doors of the dreams were opened. Oh! Glory! He left her dreaming a little more and went his way. The road was quiet, so he closed his eyes and let himself to be carried away by the warm wind that blew. However, his reverie didn't last long. Suddenly, the wind became cold and something passed very close by his side at high speed.

## To run after the lost and prepare the way to salvation



“Hey, you there! What do you think you’re doing? Do you want to run over everyone?”

“I’m sorry but I love speed. I would like to be a racing driver, you know?”

“But why to race so much? Where this will take you?”

“Wait a minute! Stop criticizing my dream! Gosh! What matters if I like to run or not? Worse is you who walk around with your eyes closed and like a turtle. This way you will not get anywhere.”

“Let’s stop arguing and talk a little about more important things.”

“Let me first park the car and turn on the alarm. You cannot trust anyone these days. Is it not cute? I polish it every weekend.”

“What do people call you, racer?”

“My name is Philip and who are you?”

“I am Samuel, a prophet, and my job is to clear the way for people.”

“I understand. I like the language.”

“I have a secret to make people carry out their dreams and be able to give more ‘flavor’ to them.”

“You’ve discovered mine: to run, to experience new emotions and to release adrenaline into the veins.”

“Good heavens! There are tastes for everything!”

“What’s wrong with that? This means that I am bold and fearless and do things that most people are afraid to do. I go into scary places to show that I’m not afraid of anything.”

“I’m surprised. Do you really want to feel strong emotions? Well then, listen. I have a secret that my friend, The Word, told me. It’s like a swift sword; you use and it’s over. What was ahead blocking the path disappears.”

“But I’m so fast! Nothing blocks my path.”

“I know, but what will you do with this dream? Just run during your lifetime without having a reason more sublime for this?”

“And is there something else? Anything I can do to use my spirit of daring and leave ‘my mark’ on earth?”

“Ah! Now I liked. You’re starting to see a greater purpose in your dream: to let others happy and fast like you to give continuity to your work. Tell me more, Philip! I want to hear.”

“I think I’ve said everything. Is there anything else?”

“Have you ever asked God why He gave you this bold spirit and willing to the adventure?”

“Not exactly. I am still so young... I’m enjoying life. When I cannot run anymore, then I think of things that old people often think, right?”

“Wrong!”

“How is that?”

“Why would an old man need so much adrenaline? He has no body to run so much.”

“Hmm ... so what?”

“The matter is: you can join business with pleasure. I don’t know if you understand me. Let me explain; who says God can’t do something even bigger with your dream? What prevents you from running for Him?”

“Go on.”

“You can be a racing driver, but can also run for the cause of salvation of lives. Summing up: you can be an evangelist. At the same time you do your job to make money, you use your gift to gain souls for the Lord. You have everything in hand: youth, disposition, intelligence, sound body, boldness, taste for strong emotions and new things, taste for the challenge... you noticed?”

“Yeah! Let me think a little. Who is this friend of yours and what is the secret that he told you?”

“The Word? Ah! I’ll talk about him. He is the Living Word that brings dreams to reality. If you speak the right words, your dream gets life, you know? Moreover, he shows you the major goal of your dream. That’s why I tell you. Give your dream to Him and He will show you what miracle and fulfillment are. Do you want to try?”

“Am I afraid of something?”

“So close your eyes and think of you in your car, like a brave knight on a very fast horse. You will enter the enemy territory and release the prisoners. It takes great courage, because the castle is well protected. But suddenly, you see The Word on your side. He shouts at those who are chained in the dungeon, ‘See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.’ Ephphatha!”

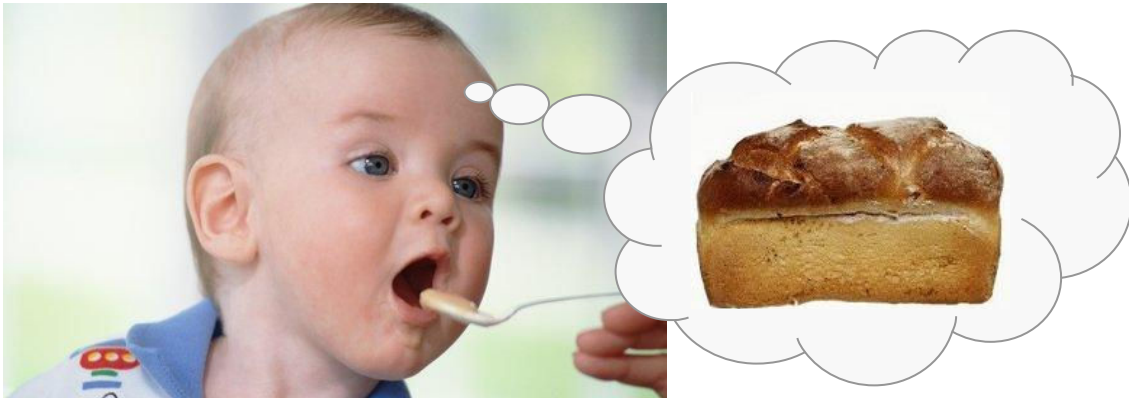


“Ooooooooooooo! Pure adrenaline, my brother! I see, Samuel, look! It’s me! What a horse and what armor! The enemies flee at His shout. This friend of yours is powerful. The chains are broken, the walls fall and the prisoners are freed. Wow! I want more.”



“Enjoy the dream and act on it. Soon you will see the results. Goodbye, ‘tamer of horses!’ May the Lord protect you.”

## There will never be a shortage of food



*“What screams are these? What are they doing with the child? I need to run before he dies.”*

Samuel came to the window of the house, ready to invade it and set free that innocent. Then he overheard the conversation.

“I’ll starve. I want my porridge. How can I go two hours without my porridge? What will happen if, suddenly, there is no more food? People will disappear. There will be no provision—”

“Solomon, stop it now! Annoying thing! From whom did you learn this fear of lacking food? You are a so peaceful boy, so quiet, but when it’s time to eat you are like a starving one. Anyone who hears you scream may think you ate your last meal a week ago. Less than an hour ago you were eating biscuits... If you’re not careful, you’ll get fat.”

“You don’t take my despair seriously. What if the little children have no more food? There will not be world anymore.”

“Be quiet, Solomon! Come on, eat your porridge. Leave the ‘theater’ for later. I have more things to do. My Goodness! What an exaggerated thing!”

Samuel waited for the meal to finish and for that ‘poor thing’, Solomon, come out to play. At least it was a way to spend the energies that he so much ingested. Fortunately, he was not fat.

“Solomon!”

“Who is calling me?”

“It’s me, Samuel.”

“What are you doing here?”

“I came because I heard your cries. Don’t you think you exaggerated a bit?”

“No! I have a big dream and it’s horrible not being able to fulfill it.”

“Can you explain better?”

“Look! Our body is very important for us to play, work, earn money for our family and even to feed the hungry, isn’t it? Have you ever imagined if there is suddenly a lack of food; the tragedy will it be?! So I’m afraid of not having food because if I starve, I will not grow and be an adult, I shall not work, be rich, and will not be able to carry out my dream: to feed the hungry.”



“Now I understand. Listen, Solomon. I have a friend who does not let anyone be in need and has plans to use people with many material goods to help those in need, beyond what He needs them to send His message to many on earth.”

“And to give a message do you need to have money?”

“Yes! The messages are sent to places far away and entail great expense. Besides what His message feeds more than food, so it is more expensive. He told me a secret to bring people’s dreams to reality, but before, they need to free themselves from certain things.”

“For example?”

“That they don’t torture themselves so much for material things and don’t make much effort to conquer them, because when He is in the business, prosperity comes naturally, and He gives wisdom for the person to use his goods correctly. There is enough for everyone and nobody lacks anything. Do you understand me?”

“I do. And what do I do with the fear of not having?”

“Start focusing more on being than on having. When you are you have.”

“What a complicated thing!”

“No, no! When you are friend of The Word, my friend too, you have everything you need. It’s simple, do you see?”

“I want to meet him; he should be a nice guy.”

“Would you accept to do a test with me?”

“What is its taste? Is it sweet or salty?”

“If you do it the right way it will not be bitter, I promise you.”

“So here we go. I am ready.”

“Close your eyes and see yourself always supplied, but not gluttonous. See yourself as a rich and smart man who knows how to do his work very well with wisdom and fidelity. See yourself being a blessing in the lives of others, giving them what they don’t have. Are you succeeding?”

“More or less. I think a ‘seasoning’ is missing.”

“This ‘seasoning’ is God’s will in relation to your dreams; He also wants to participate. Let’s do one thing: you will repeat the exercise while I use the ‘seasoning’ that was missing, The Word. Get ready! Now!”



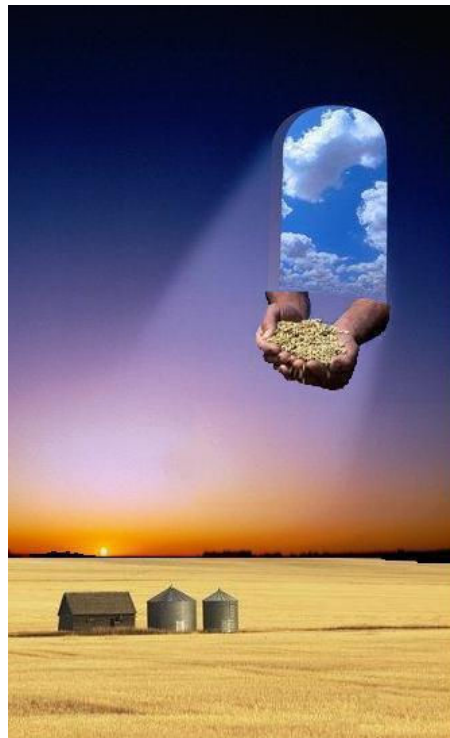


“‘The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.’ Ephphatha!”

“Wow!”

“What did you think?”

“Spicy, scorching! Hey, Samuel! I see a dream much bigger than I was imagining. I see myself as a great businessman investing in God’s work by understanding how it is precious and necessary in the lives of many. I now understand what it is to feel another kind of hunger and thirst: justice, peace, freedom, health, friendship, salvation, love, intimacy with God, joy and good family relationships, a solid marriage, a blessed and holy offspring. He opens the windows of heaven for me and fills my barns with all sorts of blessings. The windows are very large, full of abundance, to supply the multitudes. Hallelujah!”



While Solomon was enraptured with the revelation of God for his life, Samuel heard the voice of The Word within him, “*Remember our meeting.*” It was time to return.

## Second meeting



He was walking according to the itinerary traced by The Word and returning to the Sea of Galilee where they had agreed to meet again. Samuel thought, *“Galilee, circle. This is the meaning of its name. Samuel, my boy, this means that we came from Him and return to Him. Our life is a circle, where we return to our true starting point.”* He had great experiences to tell his dear friend. The Word was strong and powerful to open the locked doors in the way of all who believe in it. He was happy indeed by having seen his brothers accomplished and in possession of the precious secret that would change forever the course of their lives. He could only thank and glorify. He looked ahead and saw the sun setting on the horizon. The end of the day was near and he needed to hurry. Within minutes he could hear the sound of the sea and feel the smell of the sea air. Who knew that he had once been oblivious to all this! If not for The Word in his life, it would still be silent and fruitless. Now he could hear and speak, he was another creature. Ah! The Word was there waiting for him. Samuel ran to embrace his friend.

“I missed you!”

“I was with you all the time, my little friend.”

“I know, but this is different. I like to feel safe in your arms.”

“Did you enjoy the experience?”

“How could I not enjoy it? I enjoyed life as it should be lived, for I saw the joy in the hearts of my brothers. It’s so good to be victorious.”

“Let’s eat.”

“What did you bring?”

“I didn’t bring anything. Our food is available, don’t you realize?”

“No. What do you mean?”

“I want to give you more experience with the word. Do you see that boat anchored there? Let’s get on the boat. It’s time to fish.”

“Are you joking?”

“No! Seriously. Come on.”

“Good! My friend also knows how to fish. You always surprise me, I like this.”

They pulled the anchor and rowed some distance from the beach. They stopped and The Word said,

“Throw the net on the right side of the boat and you will find what you seek. Ephphatha!”

He did what The Word said and got surprised. The net was filled with fish in a blink of an eye and so great was the quantity of them that he alone could not pull it. The Word helped him and they came back to the beach to make a wonderful and deserved meal. They cleaned and roasted the fish, while Samuel heard the voice of his friend.

“Did you understand what we did?”

“More or less. Please explain to me.”

“In the world are the souls that you need to accomplish your mission, but you need to ‘cast the net’ on the right side so that they jump on it, did you understand? Cast your net on the right side of the boat, where I am present with my power, with my blessing, my strength, my privilege, my honor and authority. Those who follow me always know that they are casting their nets on the right side of the boat; they have no doubt where the right side is. All the fish you catch will be a source of help and strength for your soul, because you will be doing my work.”

“How nice! Let’s eat.”



"These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens... I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut."

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