

Glorious

by Martha Munizzi

When you come into His presence
Lifting up the name of Jesus
And you hear the music playing
And you see the people praising
Just forget about your worries
Let your troubles fall behind you
Don't you wait another minute
Just get up and on your feet and

Get to dancing
Singing jumping leaping
Get to shouting
Make it loud and make it glorious
Start rejoicing praising lifting raising
Get to shouting
Make it loud and make His praise
Glorious, glorious

I was created
To make Your praise glorious
I was created
To make Your praise glorious, glorious
Yes I was yes I was

Forever, You're My King

by James Mitchell

I love You forever with all my heart
I love You forever, forever You're my King

Your mercy forever shall follow me
Your mercy forever, forever You're my
King

My shelter forever in times of storm
My shelter forever, forever You're my King

All glory forever belongs to You
All glory and the honor, forever You're my
King

I love You forever with all my heart
I love You forever, forever You're my King

You Stopped Dreaming
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Ephesians 3:20

We are facing an epidemic of unplanned pregnancies and people having babies without stable family relationships to nurture and care for the children. I have said to my daughter that young people, who get pregnant - girls and boys both, do not have a dream. I told her that what kept me from getting anybody pregnant was my faith in God, and God would not have me do that, and second that I had a dream. How could I get someone pregnant and accomplish my dream? I thought an unwanted pregnancy was a dream-killer. Young people who have premature children either stopped dreaming, lost their dream, or never had one. Now, if you have had a child, then I do not want you to say – my dreams are over. No, you can dream again, but let's not make the same mistake again.

Can I tell you how I came to have a dream? I went to a mixed high school. As a matter of fact, we were in the minority. But I saw how the majority culture lived. I was on the basketball team and one of the cheerleaders invited the whole team up to their parents' summer place. It stunned me that anybody could have two places when we were struggling to have one. We all went up to their summer place and it was so nice. I said to myself, I am going to have a summer place someday. I am going to have something someday. I am not going to go around here begging, relying on the government. I was going to do family the right way and I was going to provide something for my family. It blew me away how other folks live when measured against the way that I was living.

In our video clip, the young brother lost the ability to _____. He had gotten in _____ and had to _____ and assumed that debt could _____ dreams. Debt can kill dreams, but you can get in debt _____ for your dream. The issue is what are you in debt for? If you are in debt for junk, _____, _____, _____, etc., then debt can kill your dream. But I had a dream to go to Africa. In 1981, I took out a school loan as part of a program that I was in for me and my wife to go to Africa. I never regretted it. I _____ it.

Secondly, he wanted _____ before he dreamed. He did not know that dreams _____ stability – that dreams are not stable; that dreams _____ you into the

_____ and the _____ and the _____. It is hard to have stability and dreams. Dreams will place you in an _____ reality.

He was _____. I can appreciate that. But she was offering him _____ to dream. She was willing to _____ a dream, or _____ a dream with him. What I want to suggest is that you do get tired when you are working on dreams, but what she was offering him was energy, _____, _____, _____. And if you do not have a person who can do that, then I want to let you know tonight that you can dream because _____ will offer you energy, encouragement, risk, support.

Let's look at our text for tonight, Ephesians 3:20, "Now to _____ that is able to do exceeding _____ above all that we _____ or _____, according to the _____ that works in _____". This is considered a _____ by Paul. A doxology is a concluding statement, a concluding refrain – it _____ up everything that has already been said and _____ it to a final and fitting _____. After everything that Paul has said to the Ephesians, even though he has a few more chapters to go, he _____ the matter. _____ capacity to meet his people's _____ needs far exceed anything they can either request in prayer or conceive by way of anticipation. It is _____ through God's _____ or, *dynamis*, in Greek. It is God's power operative within the _____ of the _____. Is God's power constricted by _____? Is God's power constricted by _____ and _____? Is God's power constricted by our need for _____?

I am always dreaming – always stretching forward, seeking the next level of God's _____.