

# Never, Never, Never Give Up

## Your Purpose

*Dream thieves are everywhere. Some teacher said, "You'll never amount to much." An ex-boyfriend or girlfriend scowled, "You're not worth it." Some boss said, "You just don't have it in you." And now the mirror says, "Who do you think you are?" Every advertisement tells you that you're not good enough unless ..." and who can afford all those "unless-es"? You had a dream ... once upon a time. This week in The Conversation, we'll talk about it.*

Mark 1:9–15

1. The world wants to convince you that \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
God created you to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are everywhere.
3. Jesus relied on his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ to support and encourage him.
4. Your dream isn't all about \_\_\_\_\_.

## My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll share my God Given dream with a close friend
- I'll share my God Give dream publically
- I'll take the SHAPE inventory to help firm up my dream  
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## Additional Notes

# Digging Deeper, Going Further

## Monday

**Read:** Genesis 21

1. How did Sarah react to the son of the slave woman (Hagar)?
2. How did God respond to Sarah's demands?

**Reflect:** Reflect on a time/event in your life that was difficult, but in which God made a way for you through. What did you learn from this?

## Tuesday

**Read:** Genesis 22

1. Why was Abraham so confident that God would provide an alternative sacrifice?
2. What did God promise Abraham as a result of his faithfulness?

**Reflect:** Reflect on your life dreams and purpose. How would they bless others?

## Wednesday

**Read:** Genesis 23

1. Why do you think Abraham was so adamant about paying for the land?
2. The Hittites said that Abraham was a mighty prince. How did he become such a powerful man in the nation?

**Reflect:** Abraham's purchase gave him a base from which his ancestors would multiply. How have you leveraged your purpose and dreams to create a legacy?

## Thursday

**Read:** Genesis 24

**Note:** *Abraham makes 2 requests: (1) That his son not marry a Canaanite woman and (2) that once betrothed, he would return to Abraham's land.*

1. How did the servant fulfill Abraham's dream?
2. What difference did it make to Abraham and Isaac that the servant fulfilled his purpose?

**Reflect:** What are you doing to further your purpose ... and helping others to fulfill theirs?

## Friday

**Read:** Genesis 25

1. What was the prophesy about the twin brothers?
2. How can you tell from this chapter that the twins were at odds with each other?

**Reflect:** Although one person's God-given dreams and purpose may be at odds with another's, God's ultimate purpose can encompass both. How do your dreams/purpose intersect with others?

**Saturday:** *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*