

## Imagine That!

Nowadays, imagination and fantasy tend to have a bad rap, but have you ever wondered: **Why would God give you and me an imagination?** Noah Webster defines *imagination* as “the power or faculty of the mind by which it conceives and forms ideas of things communicated to it by organs of sense. The imagination gives birth to productions of poet and painter [and I would add inventor, scientist, leader, etc.]”

Firstly and originally, the Father gave mankind a capacity to imagine because we are *made in His image and likeness* -- if He has it, so do we. He wanted us (co-creators and ambassadors) to be like Him - who first imagines, then creates, e.g., the Genesis creation story or Jeremiah 1:5: “Before I formed you, I knew you.”

Secondly, He wants to transmit His thoughts and schemes so that we can first “conceive” them, then implement them on earth. *Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Someone once said God has a solution for every human need, be it curing a disease, governing a country, raising that strong-willed child; His intention is to bring those solutions to a hurting world through His representatives -- you and I. Scripture teaches us that humans, made in His image and likeness, are able to create whatever they can imagine: “*nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.*” (Gen 11:6)

For example, take R.G. LeTourneau. He would receive amazing inspirations in bed on how to solve massive challenges, and would jot down what God communicated to his sanctified mind. LeTourneau could “see” the solution completed in his imagination, the engineers would build it, and the world would be blessed. A quote from his story: “LeTourneau became the greatest obstacle-mover in history, building huge, earth-moving machines. During World War II, he produced 70% of all the army's earth-moving machinery. He spoke of God as the Chairman of his Board. He gave 90% of his profits to Kingdom purposes.”

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## News

■ Have you ever prayed, “Lord if this isn't a good idea (for now), please show us”? After months of consideration, we began moving ahead on developing a Bellingham office for prayer counseling. Thankfully, just before committing a big sum to the project, some indicators surfaced that caused us to reconsider. It may be a distraction of too much energy, time, and money for us right now, so it's on hold until January. Thanks for praying.

■ Neil and Kathy ‘retreated’ for a welcome few days at Big Lake, where Neil “went away by himself to a deserted place and rested awhile” of course! (Mark 6:31)



■ The girls are delighted to have finished their degrees and are working and planning adventures with Jesus.

■ Betsy finished horse show season and is putting Hobbs up for sale.

■ Josh, still with YWAM, is on a film shoot in Virginia.

■ The 1<sup>st</sup> week of November, we're in Redding, CA for a conference - part of our Leadership Development Program.

■ 24 guests this month, 3 first-time ministry recipients, 3 weekend ‘intensives.’



*Guests enjoy relaxing on the deck*

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**You and I are designed to be the most creative beings on the planet – delivering the Father's solutions to every human need.** I'm excited to see God preparing and placing radical Christ-followers in what some call "The Seven Mind Molders" of society. In these areas of education, government, law, business, arts/entertainment, family and religion, God's representatives demonstrate divinely-inspired wisdom as they first expect and then receive inspiration on how God intends challenges to be resolved.

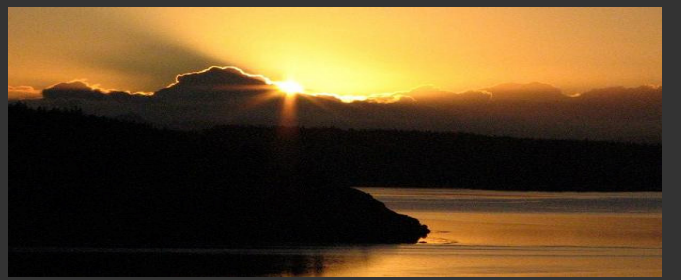
You may be thinking, "I could never be one of those people." Au contraire! Remember, it's not about your resources; it's about being a willing receiver. Like the satellite dish receivers on a yacht which receives the internet, TV, and weather forecasts out at sea, we need to have faith in our design and receive incoming data to our sanctified imagination. I need to tune my receiver and point it toward God, expecting Him to transmit. Webster said "imagination *conceives and forms ideas of things communicated to it by organs of sense*". My translation: a Holy Spirit infused mind hearing from our Creator God.

**What does this look like?** Rom 12:2 tells me it's the renewed mind that can know the perfect will of God. If I desire to be a more effective ambassador, I need to continue letting the Holy Spirit lead me into all truth so that more and more I think like Jesus. My friend Bill says, "I can't afford to have in my mind one thought that isn't in His." In other words, **to the extent that I think differently than God, it limits me as a supernatural re-presenter of the Kingdom.** Jesus modeled this by looking at a boy's lunch and "seeing" it feeding 10,000 hungry people. I look at a lunch and believe it will only feed one or two people.

Try praying: "Lord, what obstacle in my family or city are You wanting moved? I am open to receiving Your amazing idea." Watch out for non-Kingdom thoughts that may spring up to kill your imagination, but be ready for God-infused ideas that expand your imaginative capacity!

*Blessings to you from Capt. Neil and Crew~*

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*Sunrise out our front window*



*The Harmsworth crew*

## **Thank You!**

*We are grateful for the response to our list of needs in last month's letter!*

- Gary and Cathy (& Sherry) for a FoodSaver vacuum seal food preservation system
- Gloria for teas, homemade soup and baked goods for the freezer!
- Cynthia for gardening help
- Marlene for Excel tutoring and help
- Doug & Julie for a loaner car
- Trisha & Patricia for donations toward the potential Bellingham office lease
- Debbie for an intense day of praying and unsuccessful shopping for furnishings

*We love you all!*

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