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Reviving Crushed Dreams

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Between childhood and adulthood something harmful happens. The world, at some point, crushes our childhood capacity to dream we can make a difference in the world. When I turned ten I realized I would never be a big-league baseball player--this is an acceptance of reality. But the world (a system that leaves God out, 1 John 2:15-16) goes further than this. It destroys our dreams to change the world.

Every person, no matter how small or shy, has a God given desire to make an eternal difference. It may appear as insignificant as giving a friend advice or as momentous as saving someone's life. But such dreams can be realized if we'll keep one condition: we must revive them.

King David, writing in the book of Psalms, tells us, "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalms 37:4) These desires - these dreams - are more than childhood fantasies. God placed them in our heart to drive us toward specific actions for which we were designed. And God will revive them if we'll seek him. After all, when our dreams are realized, we're living in alignment with his purpose for our life.

So draw near to God and let him revive your dream.