

THE PEAR TREE DREAM

In the dream I was driving a friend named Karen, and her child to school – to drop the child off at elementary school. I was nervous because I was driving Bar's pick-up truck and it is huge. However, Karen didn't bring her child; she said he was sick.

We arrived at the school I noticed how beautiful the grass was – it was a lush, green, succulent. We laid down in it and it felt cool and wonderful. There were new sidewalks and a new school building. I was telling my friend that the "old school" was across the intersection from where we were now. From where we were standing, we could see the old building and the new building. I knew they had needed to build the new building because we had outgrown the old structure.

Some kid started talking about a little tree growing in the cracks of the sidewalk. I saw 3 places where a tree was growing. Suddenly I realized and remembered that there has been a tree near the sidewalk that had been cut down to accommodate the sidewalk. Now the tree was growing back, but instead between the cracks of the sidewalk – 3 places, same tree, so I referred to it as a single tree. Every time I looked at the tree it got bigger. I started to explain all of this to my friend, but she walked away to look at something else. I was so excited to tell someone, but no one would listen – so I just started speaking it out! Then a young man came to stand beside me to listen. I told him about the school being originally being catty-corner from where we stood and being built where we were standing. I pointed to where the tree had been cut down and was now growing and coming up between the cracks in the sidewalk in 3 places.

As I looked at the tree this time, I could see small fruit on it – it was a pear tree.

I turned back to the young man and many of other kids had gathered and were listening to the story now. I pointed out the tree to them and when I looked this time the fruit was bigger, and the kids had run to the tree (the 3 in 1) and were eating the pears! End of dream

Some points that stood out to me:

“KAREN” – In Hebrew, “Karen” means “Glorious dignity” – found in Job 24:5, “Keren-happuch – a child born to Job when God restored all things to him, including his family. Another source I found said it means, “pure”. Unfortunately, in pop culture the name Karen has taken on a negative connotation. It has become a slang term for a white woman perceived as entitled or demanding beyond the scope of what is normal; it has become a source of memes depicting white women who use their white privilege to demand their own way.

This is an example to me, of how the world and the enemy take something that God designed and counterfeits it to mean something totally opposite – striking at the heart of identity. The name Karen has gone from meaning “pure, glorious dignity, to the exact opposite – demanding, unreasonable, privileged with racist overtones.

In the dream, my friend Karen, needed help getting her child to school, when the child wasn’t even with her. He ended up being sick. I feel like God is saying that, as a generation of parents is more and more offended, demanding, and selfish – their offspring are dangerously close to missing out on the blessings of the Lord – through generational patterns. And in the dream, Karen was distracted and would not listen as I was trying to tell her about the tree – she got distracted and wandered off to look at something else.

However, Karen in the Bible (Job 42:14) is when God redeems to Job all that had been taken from Job. God will redeem the generations!

“THE GRASS” – in the dream we laid down in succulent, brilliant green grass. Green is a secondary color, made by mixing yellow and blue. The source I found said that green represent immortality; also symbolic of spring, praise, growth, prosperity, a new beginning, flourishing, restoration, everlasting life. Psalms 23 tells us that “He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads us beside quiet waters, and restores our soul.” “Succulent” is defined as tender, juicy, and tasty – taste and see that the Lord is good.

“OLD SCHOOL” – This is defined as “any group of people who are traditionalists: meaning they do things the way they’ve been done in the past. Old-fashioned, but

it's a term with ore pride in it. An informal phrase dating back to the 19th century of English origin. Found in print in the 182 classic novel "Bleak House" by Charles Dickens. (a great novel, btw). Meaning something or someone is behind or out of date with current trends or thinking.

In the dream we could see the old school, but one had to cross the intersection, (cross the street) to get to the new school. This tells me that we must cross over to the new thing (the new structure) that God is building. That's what Isaiah 43: 19 tells us – God is doing a new thing in this generation and needs a new container to put it in (in the dream, a new school building).

The old school was catty-cornered, not only just across the street. Catty -cornered (also called kitty-cornered) means "diagonally across". This term comes from the French "catre" meaning "four" or "four-cornered". This says to me that what God is doing is going to the four comers of the world!

"PEAR TREE" – Pears are fruits produced around the world. Several species are valued for their edible fruit and juices. 3,000 known varieties are grown worldwide. Pear wood is one of the preferred materials in the manufacture of high-quality woodwind instruments.

The adjective piriform means pear-shaped. This caught my attention because I work in interventional pain medicine. There is a procedure that my doctor does, which is called a piriformis injection. The piriformis muscle is in the buttock area and can become irritated and cause great pain for a person to the point of causing difficulty in walking. The muscle is called the piriformis because of its pear shape.

The pear tree also brings to mind the old song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". We have all probably heard that the "partridge in a pear tree" represents Jesus, the Son of God.

Also, there were 3 trees sprouting, but I knew that they came from the same tree. This speaks to me of the Godhead, the three-in-one. Father, son and Holy spirit - the doctrine of the trinity, considered to be one of the central Christian affirmations about our God.

In the dream, every time I looked at the tree, it was bigger and more mature – even to the point of bearing fruit. What had been cut down could not be held back from re-growing. Secular education in our day and time may think they can keep God out – well, think again! In the physical realm it can take several years for a pear tree to bear fruit – in the dream it produced fruit in a matter of minutes. The sweet fruit of the 3-in-1 drew the next generation in - God draws all to Himself - and the kids in the dream responded by eating the fruit. They ran to the tree and did not hold back.

Overall, this is what I feel like God is saying:

Our generation has a responsibility to bring the next generation to the Lord. Old-school ways of evangelizing may not work. If we are demanding and privileged or offended the next generation could miss out due to generational patterns of offense or because the message is off-putting. God will reach the next generation by His sweetness. We must cross over to what He is doing, telling others about His goodness and mercy. We get to tell them and show them His sweet fruit. He will lead us to green pasture, rich in desirable qualities. God will supernaturally show Himself to them – drawing all to Himself. His life and fruit are springing up for all to partake in. Tell the next generation about Jesus even if it appears as though no one is listening – they will hear. As the next generation comes to the Lord, (the three-in-one, triune God), they may be walking in pain, hobbled by generational pain, trauma, fear, offense, or pride (you name it), but as they partake of the sweetness of the Lord, their pain will be healed. Holy Spirit's fruit will heal their hobble. Their limp will become a leap of faith. We have a part to play in this as we obey God's voice. We have the honor of building on what God has done, is doing, and calling forth what God is yet to do. Watch as this spreads to the four corners of the earth! Hallelujah!

A prayer and declaration from Psalms 114: 9-15 – Oh house of Israel, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield. Oh house of Aaron, trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield. You who fear him trust in the Lord – he is their help and shield. The Lord remembers and will bless us: He will bless the House of Israel, He will bless the House of Aaron, He will bless those who fear the Lord – small and great alike. May the Lord make you increase, both you and your children.

So, may you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth – as we cross over into the new thing that God is doing among the generations!

Lord, thank you for your Word. Thank you for your plans and purposes. We place ourselves in the synergy of the ages and call forth the destiny of the next generation. Thank you that you draw all men to yourself with your love and sweetness. May you receive your great reward of souls! Glory to you as you do this new thing. Capture the hearts of the captives and set them free! Bring us all into green pasture of fruitfulness – perfectly healed and equipped for every good work!

All glory and honor to you, Lord Jesus!

Addended: This dream came to me about 1 ½ weeks prior to the Asbury University revival in Wilmore, Kentucky. The next generation is literally flocking to the school structure that has now been physically outgrown. The sweetness of the Lord is drawing them in. Amen!