

A low-angle photograph of a rustic wooden cross against a clear blue sky. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. A few wispy white clouds are visible near the bottom of the frame. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

The Believer's Manifesto

Thoughts on the
Power of the Dream

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"What you believe determines your destiny."

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Part One

THE DESIRE

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Everyone wants to believe in someone or something.

Everyone chooses to believe someone or something.

I have chosen to believe Jesus Christ.

I have chosen to follow Him and His teachings.

Everyone believes someone or something.

__Whom or what do YOU believe?

__Is it the Truth?

Only when we believe the Truth will we find true freedom.

Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” – John 8: 32

Jesus also said, “I am the Truth.” – John 14: 6

__Do you believe this?

__Have you done your due diligence yourself, or are you taking someone else’s word for it?

You owe it to yourself to discover Truth.

Do what I did.

__Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you. Ask Him to show you personally if He is Who He says He is.

__Then make your decision based on the result.

Believer’s Manifesto Declaration #1:

__*I will sincerely seek truth in every situation of life.*

Part Two

THE DREAM

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Dreams are the stuff of life. Without them, we will die--- maybe not physically, but definitely in every other way.

A dream is the God-given ability to see something that does not yet exist.

A dream is the precursor to destiny.

__What is YOUR dream?

__Do you have a dream? If not, why not?

__Your dream will determine your destiny.

__But *only* if you follow your dream....

Your dream is the fuel that propels you into your destiny.

Without the fuel, you won't reach your destiny.

God gave you a dream specific to you. It is your responsibility to discover your dream.

But here is a hidden truth: *Only when you embrace Jesus Christ will you embrace your dream, for your dream is intimately wrapped up in Jesus Christ.*

Don't miss or dismiss this truth!

Believer's Manifesto Declaration #2:

___I will dream big and never give up on the dream God gave me. I will sing the song God gave me to sing.

Part Three

THE DECISION

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An engine needs a locomotive. The DECISION to follow your dream is your locomotive. It will pull you forward toward your destiny.

Decision derives from the will and is inspired by God only when the will chooses to submit itself to God.

Decision determines destiny. The decision you make regarding your dream will determine whether or not you fulfill your dream.

Believer's Manifesto Declaration #3:

 I will follow my dream into my destiny.

Part Four

THE DESTINY

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God created you *for* a purpose and *with* a purpose.

Your purpose is your destiny.

It is up to you to discover your destiny, but God gives you signs of it:

___Joy in the doing.

___Positive feedback from those blessed by your doing.

Your destiny is wrapped up in Jesus Christ. To find Christ is to find your destiny.

Jesus Christ will lead you into your destiny.

Believer's Manifesto Declaration #4:

___*I will follow Jesus into my destiny.*

Part Five

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___Join Forces.

All over the earth there are other followers of Jesus Christ. Find a local community—an uncompromising Bible-believing church—and begin to attend. Join with fellow Christ-Followers in order to grow.

___Share the Love.

___Tell others about Jesus, the Master Dream-Builder.

___Help others discover their dream and their destiny.

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