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# LIVING THE DREAM

IF YOU HAVE A  
HEART FOR GOD HE HAS A  
DREAM FOR YOU



**DYSFUNCTION  
CAN'T DOUSE  
THE DREAM**

**<sup>11</sup> His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind . . . <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. <sup>19</sup> “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”**

**Genesis 37:11, 18-20, 26-28 (NIV)**

**<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.**

**Genesis 37:11, 18-20, 26-28 (NIV)**

**<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. <sup>2</sup> The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.**

**Genesis 39:1-2 (NIV)**



**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**





**THE OLD FIELD**



**THE NEW FIELD**



**Get Rid of It,  
Don't Relocate It**



**So get rid of every filthy habit and all wicked conduct.  
Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in  
your hearts, which is able to save you.**

**James 1:21 (GNT)**



# Mount Henry

Est 1989, Chicago -

## North Lawndale

Construction companies illegally dumped debris from the reconstruction of the Kennedy expressway in lots on the city's West Side.

A majority of the residents wound up with health-related issues, most notably breathing complications. The corner of the dump became a hotbed of crime within the neighborhood.

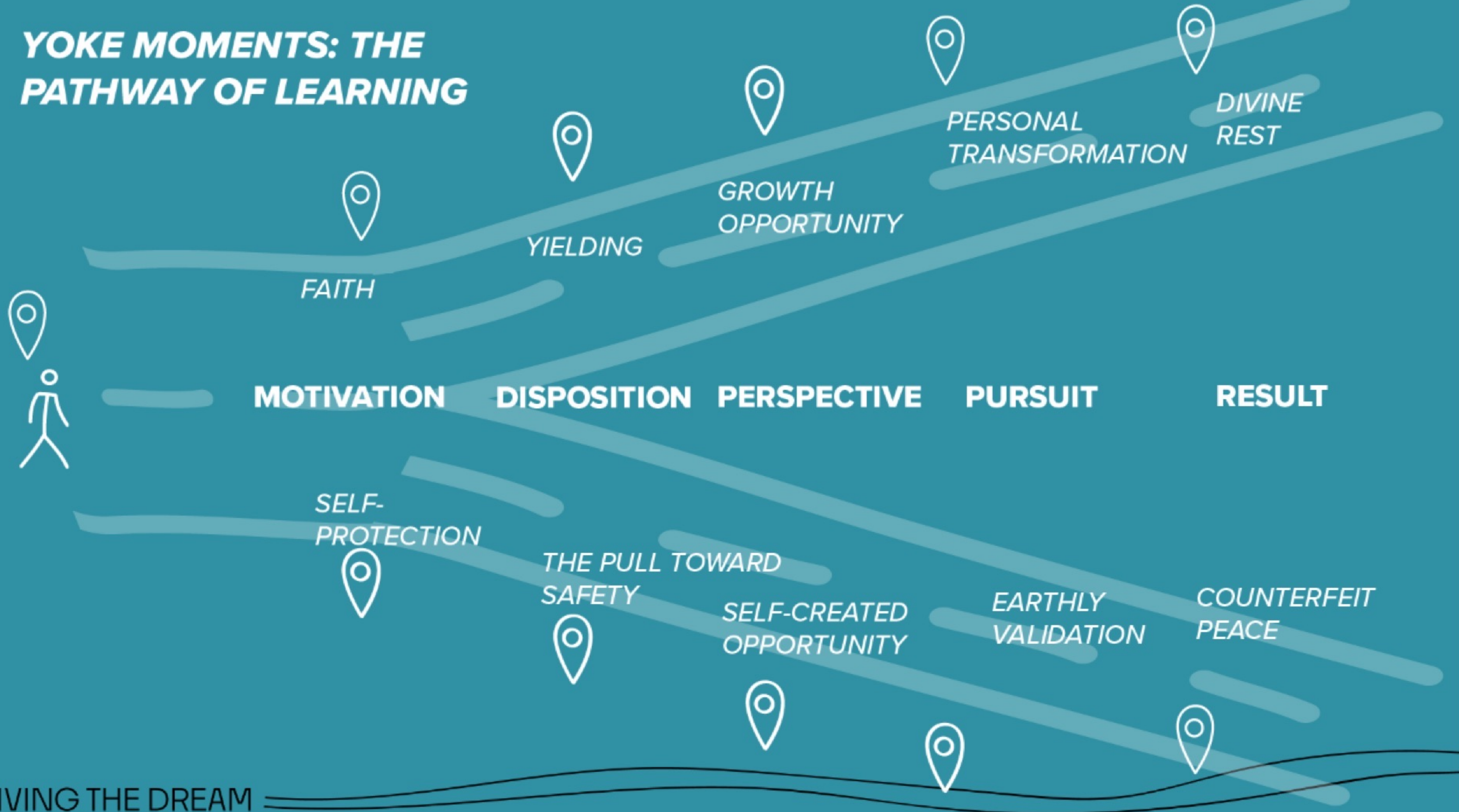








# YOKE MOMENTS: THE PATHWAY OF LEARNING





**True Relief Comes When You  
Go Through It, Not When You  
Avoid It**



# Doug Collins

*U.S. Olympian, 1972*

*Four-time NBA All Star*

*Coach, Chicago Bulls, Philadelphia 76ers, Detroit Pistons,  
Washington Wizards*









**Accept the Word  
and Focus on the  
Dream**



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**James 1:21 (GNT)**



# **The Word Should Replace Our Reflexive Responses**

**Definition: Assigning meaning based on dysfunction.**

**We protectively or fearfully assign meaning to something that is happening.**



# **You Know You're Accepting the Word When:**

- 1. Your Reading is Producing Faith**
- 2. Your Faith is Producing Praise**
- 3. Your Faith Actively Sows Seed into Your New Field**