

A Vision for All Seasons

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*"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.**" Joel 2:28-29*

The Sustaining Power of God's Vision

In challenging times often the vision of many is obscured by the difficulties life gives them. The very thing that will lift them up is often neglected and unused. **The power of what God provides is His vision for us. He has vision for us in every season of life, and it is a great sustaining power in our lives.**

Be a Person of His Vision

When you look at the stories of those who followed God's plan, you will see a common denominator in the way God developed them. **God always begins things with giving His vision. They were usually doing their thing until they heard from God and began doing His plan for them.**

A vision is when God puts a desire in your heart for what He wants you to do. **That is quite different from what I want me to do.**

The Importance of Seeing Where You Are Going

His vision provides the push through the problems. His vision provides the energy for our existence. Without God's vision our passion leaks, our agendas surface, our production falls, and our influence is reduced.

Having His vision for life serves as a road map, **a picture of where you are going.** A vision is when God puts a desire in your heart for what **He wants** you to do and the person He has destined you to be.

There is a process of refinement and renewal to a vision.

*For the **vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come...** Habakkuk 2:2-3. **Understanding timing is huge.***

Core Point: What we need most in our lives is God's vision and plan in the midst of our current season we are in. We can perceive it, and plan based on what His vision is, and find the next step in His design!

The One Thing Vision Needs: Focus

People who see God's vision fulfilled in their lives have all learned a common trait; **they have learned the secret of focus.**

We serve a God who has specific focused vision, and He desires us to grow from generalities into His specifics.

*"_____ the vision and **make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.**" Habakkuk 2:2*

Another Dimension of Vision

Elisha prayed for the Lord **to open his servant's eyes that he might see, and the Lord opened his eyes** and "behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 Kings 6:16-17)

What the Lord has always wanted to do is give dreams and visions to His people; He wants us to see the reality of what He's ready to bring. This requires our eyes to be enlightened by Him!

*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:17-18*

Paul writes this letter to people who already know what it means to pray and to see God do great things in their lives. He encourages them: I'm praying for another dimension of vision to come to you. **That the eyes of _____ would see God's hopes for you.** God's "hopes" are what He already sees and anticipates and is ready to be released in His people.

All they need to do is align with what He's ready to do.

At the heart of what Paul writes to them is: **I am praying that you would see His hopes, not the hopelessness that is around you, have your eyes opened to His vision, not the enemy's delusion.**

What you get by seeing His vision fulfilled is not nearly as important as what _____ by reaching it.

What We Can Learn from the Dreams of Joseph

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed. Genesis 37:5-6

Core Statement: I find great sustaining power in my life as I see His vision and plan for me! I will see His design for every step I take as He prepares the way for me to walk in, with Him.