

## 2020, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Study Guide – 2020 Vision

**Key Scriptures:** “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18a

Matthew 16:18 Jesus – “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Numbers 21:4 “Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.”

Romans 5:3-5 “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

### **Start Talking:**

Read Proverbs 29:18 (above).

How would you describe the vision you have for yourself and for your family? Is your vision an easy road, or one that requires a good measure of faith? Share.

Is your family in agreement with your vision for them?

When God created the world in 6 days, do you think that He did that He did that with vision or a plan, or randomly? How do you know? Discuss.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” With all of the division within and

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outside of “the church” do you ever worry about its future? How would you define Jesus’ church? What are the glues that hold it together?

### **Start Thinking:**

Does the USA have a unified vision at this time? If yes, describe it? If not, what is the danger? Discuss.

Pastor Bobby shared Joseph’s story. How hard have you fought to overcome obstacles to your vision? Is your vision God’s plan for you, or just something you want to happen? How do you know?

### **Start Sharing:**

Read Numbers 24:4 (above). What issues have the power to discourage you? Are they the same ones over and over? Share.

Pastor Bobby said, “I’ve discovered, with age, vision can begin to dim.” As you have gotten older, have you lost interest in the vision for yourself or family? Share.

Pastor Bobby said, “Most things begin with great vision (a business, church, marriage), but over time the vision turns into division.” In light of this quote, how important is it to keep the vision statement in front of all involved? How can this be done in a family or a marriage?

**Start Praying:** “Lord, may I be a person who has Your vision. I am ready to follow You by doing the works that You prepared for me beforehand. Open my eyes and give me the vision and strength to defeat the disillusionment, discouragement, and disappointments that the enemy throws at me. You, in me, are far greater than he is.”

### **Start Doing**

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Have you ever wanted something so badly that you were ecstatic when you got it, only to later be disappointed in it? Are you willing to rekindle your vision now, or should it just be dropped? Share some examples.

Pastor Bobby said of Jennifer and himself, "God helped us push through our disappointment and reach our appointment." Now, read Ephesians 2:10 (above). How would you describe God's personal appointment for you?

If you don't know your personal vision from God, re-read Proverbs 29:18 (above), ask God to reveal it to you. Then commit to not let anything dim your vision.