

Hold the hope, fight in faith, your story isn't done

God reveals all of his vision from the book of Genesis to Revelation.

-He GPS Pin dropped Christ's birth in man's timeline map (like on a cell phone pin drop).

-God saw the genesis of your birth at conception and pin dropped Christ in our life as we walked through.

-that was his vision, That all men should be saved!

Vision- What God is showing you will happen. Question: what is he showing you??

Write what you see for: yourself and God, for you and your family, for you and your church, for you and your community

Habakkuk 2:2-3 ESV

And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Between Genesis to Revelation- there are people experiencing life.

- You are experiencing life and the good, the bad, and the ugly that it brings.
- The devil will use the bad and the ugly to blur what God has promised you.

The story of when Jesus met the sick man laying at the pool of Bethesda. The man was there for 38 years. In the exchange, we read that the man accepted his condition and possibly lost hope of being healed.

- Jesus asked, "do you to get well?" Every encounter with Jesus should cause you to consider what he wants for you.
- Everything he is asking of you to let go of, be ok to surrender it.
 - We are powerless to invoke change, Only through Jesus can we see change
 - We must Accept that we must let go of what had us bound for a long time
 - Hurt, offense, discouragement, bad habits, stinkin thinkin, not good enough, etc...

John 5:1-12 Jesus Heals a Lame Man

2 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. **3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. **5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” **7** “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” **8** Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” **9** Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, **10** so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” **11** But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” **12** “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. **13** The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. **14** But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.”

4 reasons to not give up

2 Corinthians 4:1-18 Therefore (See Chapter 3), since God in his mercy has given us this new way,^[a] we never give up. **2** We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don’t try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this. **3** If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. **4** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. **5** You see, we don’t go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus’ sake. **6** For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. **(Reason 1- when you Hold to hope, Fight in Faith... you display God’s glory)**

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. **8** We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. **9** We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. **10** Through suffering, our bodies

continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. 11 Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. 12 So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you. 13 But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." **(Reason 2, we are able to persevere as Christians because we're powered by extraordinary fuel. having "this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us." The clay jars are believers in their fragile, mortal human bodies. In that state we are not immune from pain, disease, affliction, or persecution. The treasure we have residing in us is the gospel—that is, Christ Himself, the unfading hope of our glory.**

14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. 15 All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. **(Reason #3 Our Christian example of perseverance can encourage many other believers to keep going and show those that don't know who Christ is in us).**

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. **(Reason 4 as believers, we have the guarantee of resurrection and life eternal)**

As you hold onto hope and fight the good fight of faith, God encourages us in his word:

Romans 12:12 12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Luke 11:9 9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Galatians 6:9 9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up