

## 5 Smooth Stones

P1 - You Can Have Vision

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One of the reasons people are discouraged, depressed and generally unhappy is the lack of clear vision for their life. Where am I going, where will I be five years from now, what is really putting energy in my life? **PROVERBS 13:12**, God wants to give you vision for your life.

### **PROVERBS 13:12**

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.

One of the clear purposes of the ministry of Jesus Christ was to give people the ability to see a clear purpose for their life.

### **LUKE 4:18**

"The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Main text: **HABAKKUK 2:1-3**. We will discover several facts about vision from this passage.

### **HABAKKUK 2:1-3**

I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. <sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup>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, It will not tarry.

## NUMBER 1. Everything starts with a vision.

- A. "watch to see", you don't have to become a spiritual giant, just desire to see that God has planned for you.

### **HABAKKUK 2:1**

I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.

- B. The beginning of your spiritual journey with Christ can begin with videos from God.

**ACTS 2:17**

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

- C. Paul's journey started with a vision

**ACTS 26:15-19**

So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup>But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. <sup>17</sup>I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' <sup>19</sup>"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

## NUMBER 2. Vision brings clarity to your life.

**HABAKKUK 2:2**

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

- A. Joseph had a dream of being a ruler of his people, but things didn't go that way at first, but he understood God's purpose and remained clear on it.

**PSALMS 105:19**

Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him.

**GENESIS 50:20**

But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

## NUMBER 3. Vision will keep you focused.

**HABAKKUK 2:3**

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, It will not tarry.

- A. "Revelation" is "prophetic vision".

**PROVERBS 29:18**

Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

- B. Restrains us from getting out of God's will. We can get impatient and abort the dream.  
C. Eliminates waste of time and resources.

## NUMBER 4. Vision will bless you and others.

**HABAKKUK 2:2**

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

- A. Abraham saw a vision of his future.

**GENESIS 15:5-6**

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

- B. His vision was to bless him and many others.

**GENESIS 17:1-8**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: <sup>4</sup>"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

<sup>8</sup>Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

- C. No such thing as a God given vision that doesn't include blessing many people.  
D. LOLWOC.

## NUMBER 5. Vision will unify people.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10**

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

- A. Unity of purpose enables great achievement.

### **GENESIS 11:6**

And the Lord said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

## NUMBER 6. Three visions every believe can have.

- A. Christ in You. You must have an image of Him to conform to. Who You Are.

### **ROMANS 8:29-30**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

- B. What you will do.

### **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.

- C. What we will do together.

### **HEBREWS 10:25**

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

## CONCLUSION

If Jesus Christ is your savior and Lord, you have the Holy Spirit living in you, begin to ask Him to show you what your future looks like. He will give your dreams and visions to guide your life to fulfill all that you were created for.

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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Next Sunday I will continue with this series and begin to unpack the 5 Smooth Stones, the life giving principles of a people who do great things for God.