

Death to Life: Pt 3 - Letting Go of Yesterday's Vision

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Proverbs 29:18 KJV Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 Message If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Faithfulness to yesterday's vision cannot replace obedience to where God is leading, today.

TOO ATTACHED

Attachment: Holding so tightly to what God did before that we struggle to embrace what God is doing now.

2 Kings 18:1-6 NLT Hezekiah son of Ahaz began to rule over Judah in the third year of King Hoshea's reign in Israel. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight, just as his ancestor David had done. He removed the pagan shrines, smashed the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke up the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because the people of Israel had been offering sacrifices to it. The bronze serpent was called Nehushtan. Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the LORD in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the LORD had given Moses.

A NEW VISION, A NEW THING

Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We must remain sensitive to what He is doing.

We honor the past, but we do not live there.

UNDERSTANDING VISION

1) God moves in seasons.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 ESV For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

The moment we assume the method is sacred, we risk missing the move of God.

2) Success can become subtle resistance to God’s direction.

God often calls people forward after a breakthrough.

Acts 10:9-16 ESV The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

What took faith to obtain will eventually require courage to let go.

3) New wine requires new wineskins.

Mark 2:22 ESV And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

New wine represents fresh movement, fresh outpouring, fresh opportunity.

Wineskins represent structure, systems, and approach.

We value comfort more than calling; our preference more than renewed vision.

4) The next generation requires our present obedience.

1 Corinthians 9:22 ESV I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

We are not called to preserve a method; we are called to reach people.

5) Gratitude for the past; faith for the future.

Joshua 4:6-7 ESV that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Memorial stones are to remember God’s

faithfulness while moving forward.