

Clarifying God's Vision for Our Future

Part 1—Seeing Your Future with Faith, Not Fear

Acts 26:19b—¹⁹[Paul] . . . *I have not been disobedient to the vision God gave me.* (TLB)

Proverbs 29:18—¹⁸*Where there is no vision, the people perish.* (TLB)

1. An Unclear Vision Leads to . . .

- Three things:

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James 1:8—⁸*Double minded people can't make up their minds. They waver back and forth in everything they do.* (TLB)

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Proverbs 28:2—²*When a country is in chaos, everybody has a plan to fix it. But it takes a leader of real understanding to straighten things out.* (MSG)

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1 Timothy 1:19—¹⁹*Some have refused to let their faith guide their conscience and their faith has been destroyed like a wrecked ship.* (GW)

Matthew 6:22-23—²²[Jesus] *“Your eyes are the lamp of your body. If your eyes are open and good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your vision is bad, your whole life will be full of darkness. And if the light you think you have is*

really darkness, it's the worst kind of darkness you can have!” (TLB)

2. Looking at the Future with Fear Causes Problems.

- Four results of fear:

- I _____ the negative in my life

Numbers 13:27-28—²⁷*This was their report to Moses: “We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country — a land ‘flowing with milk and honey!’ Here is some of its fruit as proof. ²⁸But the people living there are powerful, and their cities and towns are fortified and very large. We also saw the Anakim, descendants of Anak, who are living there!”* (LB)

- I _____ my God given abilities

Numbers 13:31—³¹*But the men who had gone up with Caleb said, “We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”* (NIV)

Numbers 13:32b-33—³². . . *They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it! All the people we saw there are of great size! ³³We saw giants there! We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them!”* (NIV)

- I _____ others with my negativity

Numbers 13:32a—³²*They spread a bad report about the land they had explored. . .* (TLB)

Isaiah 8:12—¹²Don't say that everything people call a conspiracy is a conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear. Don't let it terrify you. (GW)

- I _____ myself miserable

Numbers 14:1-2—¹Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. And they grumbled and complained in a great chorus against their leaders, Moses and Aaron. ²"We wish we'd died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they wailed. (TLB)

3. The Antidote: Develop a Life Vision of _____.

Numbers 13:30—³⁰Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go at once and take possession of the land right now! We can certainly do this!" (NLT)

Numbers 14:6-9—⁶Then Joshua said: "We saw the land ourselves, and it's very good. ⁷If we obey the Lord, he will surely give us that land rich with milk and honey. ⁸So don't rebel. We have no reason to be afraid of the people who live there. ⁹The Lord is on our side, and they won't stand a chance against us!" (CEV)

Hebrews 3:19—¹⁹So we see that they could not enter because of unbelief. (NET)

Action Steps . . .

- Move from fear to faith
- Follow God!