



LifePoint DNA: We Are Driven by Vision (Jesus Brings Life)

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We will look through the windshield, not the rearview mirror. What God is calling us to always trumps where we have been. Vision is born of faith and prayer, clarified by the Word, and enabled by the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verse:

Philippians 3:13–14 ESV

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

When you're driving somewhere, are you the person who wants to know the entire route ahead of time, or are you comfortable just following the next turn? Why?

Read:

Philippians 3:13–14, Acts 13:2–3, John 15:5

What did you notice most from this message? Was there a statement, Scripture, story, or idea that stuck with you? Why do you think it grabbed your attention?

The message described two ditches: living in the past and becoming cynical about the future. Which one do you think is easier for people—or churches—to fall into? What might either one look like in everyday life?

Paul talks about “forgetting what lies behind” and pressing forward. What’s the difference between *learning from the past* and *living in the past*? How can past success hold us back just as much as past failure?

Peter failed Jesus, but Jesus didn't allow Peter's failure to become his identity. Instead, He called Peter forward: "Feed my sheep." What does Peter's story teach us about failure, second chances, and calling? Have you ever had a season when you needed to believe that God wasn't finished with you?

The sermon says, "Vision is born of faith and prayer, clarified by the Word, and enabled by the Holy Spirit." Which part of that process comes most naturally to you? Which part do you tend to skip or struggle with?

The message makes the statement, "If you can accomplish it without God's help, it probably isn't a vision from the Lord." How does that challenge the way we normally make plans? What's the difference between being responsible and being completely dependent upon ourselves?

The sermon describes a vision for reaching rural communities through life-giving churches that make disciples, serve their communities, and reproduce. What could it look like for our LifeGroup to participate in that vision right now—not someday when we have more people, money, or resources?

The sermon says, "God's call had not changed, God's Word had not changed, God's will had not changed, but the man of God had to change."

Could there be an area where you've been asking God to change your circumstances when God may actually want to change something in you? What makes that possibility difficult to consider?

Prayer Focus

Vision: Ask God to help us see what He is doing instead of being controlled by either nostalgia about the past or fear about the future.

Dependence: Pray that our plans, families, LifeGroup, and church would be shaped by Scripture and empowered by the Holy Spirit—not simply by our own ability.

Our YES: Spend a few moments praying specifically for the courage to obey whatever God is asking each person to do next.