

Vision Sunday
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I. Introduction

- a. We all need vision.
 - i. It is important that we understand that God doesn't call us to just come to church.
 - ii. God calls us to be a part of a vision and to help that vision come to pass.
 - iii. For example, the vision of Alive Church is We Change Lives.
- b. When we are a part of a church we can expect that where the church goes, we go.
 - i. When God is increasing the church, He wants to increase the members.
 - ii. When God is blessing the church, He wants to bless the members.
 - iii. When God is allowing the church to expand and to build, there is also an anointing for the members to expand and build.
- c. There are three components to vision, celebrating the past, following God's direction for the present, and hearing for the future.

Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV

Then the LORD answered me and said:

“Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.

Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV

³For 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.

II. Celebrating the Past

- a. When celebrating the past, we look back and acknowledge all that God has accomplished in our lives.
- b. For example, Alive Church celebrates what God has done in 2018 through the ministry:
 - i. Serve Saturday's 4th Saturday.
 - ii. Alive Church participated in Serve day July 14th with over 800 other churches.
 - iii. 80 Kids attended Pulse Take Over.

- iv. Over 3000 people attended Easter Service at the Phillips center.
 - 1. Additionally 149 people accepted salvation and 69 people got baptized.
- v. It's important to remember the every person that God has impacted through a service because "Every number has name and every name has a story.

III. Vision for Today and the Future

- a. One of the most valuable things we have as believers is the ability to hear from God.
- b. God is always speaking, and directing and showing us what we need to do, to be where he wants us to be.
- c. In our lives, we should be looking for and valuing the direction and instruction from the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to His prompting and the prophetic Word of God.
- d. 2018 has continued to be a time where we come out of hiding and expand the Kingdom of God.
 - i. The wind of God is at our back when we do His will.

Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.