

Vision Sunday, Pt. 1
Seeing Beyond What You Can See
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1. Vision Begins with God

Ex 3:7-8a (NLT) *“Then the Lord told him, ‘I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.’”*

God does not give vision in accordance with what you can do, He gives vision based on what He can do.

Vision reveals what God already sees, and gives us the opportunity to step in to it.

2. The Purpose of Vision

Proverbs 29:18a (KJV) *“Where there is no vision the people perish...”*

Vision Gives Purpose

- 1) Vision Answers Why are we here
- 2) Vision Gives Direction
- 3) Vision Becomes a Filter

3. Vision Blockers

Numbers 13:27-28: (NLT) *“This was their report to Moses: ‘We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey... But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified...’”*

A. Obstacles Seem Larger Than Vision

What you focus on determines what you believe.

B. Listening to the Wrong Voices

Num. 13:30-32 (NIV) *“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.”*

God allows you to see the challenges, not to discourage you but to determine where your faith rests.

C. Unsure Identity

Numbers 13:33 (NLT) *“We saw giants there the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that what they thought too.”*

D. Agreement with Unbelief

Numbers: 14:1-4 (abbreviated NLT) *“Then the whole community began weeping aloud “if only we had died in Egypt. Let’s choose a new leader and go back to Egypt.”*

Vision dies when people agree with fear and unbelief.

When we disconnect from vision; we drift. When we listen to fear, we stall. When we reject vision, we settle.