

OUR IMPERFECT FAMILY SERIES

THE INTENTIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Amos 3:3 (NKJV) Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

WHY VISION MATTERS

1. WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WE DESIRE, NOTHING ENABLES US TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL THAN HAVING A CLEAR VISION.

- Vision is the ability to see.
- Vision is a picture of a preferred future.

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

2. GOD DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO HAVE A MISSION AND VISION.

Genesis 1:27–28 (NIV) ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

3. YOUR VISION IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR YOUR LIFE, YOUR MARRIAGE, AND YOUR FAMILY.

FIVE REASONS VISION IS ESSENTIAL IN A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

1. VISION BRINGS CLARITY.

2. VISION CREATES UNITY AND MOMENTUM.

Matthew 18:19 (NLT) “I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.”

Luke 11:17 (NIV) “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.”

3. VISION CREATES PASSION AND ENERGY.

Habakkuk 2:1–2 (ESV) I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and there I will wait to see what the Lord says and how He will answer my complaint. ² And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.”

4. VISION INCREASES DEVOTION AND DISCIPLINE.

Proverbs 29:18 (ESV) Where there is no prophetic vision **the people cast off restraint...**

5. VISION GIVES DIRECTION.

TWO THINGS YOU SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER ABOUT VISION

1. VISION SOMETIMES NEEDS TO BE RESTORED.

Genesis 13:14–15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “**Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are**—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.”

2. VISION AWAKENS OPPOSITION.

Nehemiah 6:1–4 (NLT) Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained—though we had not yet set up the doors in the gates. ² So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me, ³ so I replied by sending this message to them: “I am engaged in a great work, so I can’t come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?” ⁴ Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.