

VISION SUNDAY

February 16, 2020

I. REVIEW

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

A. The Roots of the Vision Tree

1. God First
2. People are the Priority
3. Healthy Things Grow
4. We Get to Do This

B. How does vision become reality?

1. We celebrate God’s faithfulness in the past.
2. We celebrate God’s power in the present.
3. We celebrate God’s vision for the future.

II. HOW DOES VISION BECOME A REALITY?

1. *God Does His Part*

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to You, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.

A. God is FAITHFUL

- God has been faithful in the past.

B. God is POWERFUL

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- 1) God is powerful in our lives in the present.
- 2) Our vision is life change for others.
- 3) Our vision is life change for you.

C. God is THE SOURCE

- 1) God is the source for our future.
- 2) God's provision follows God's purpose.
- 3) There are too many lost people.
- 4) Bold obedience leads to divine favor.

2. We Must Do Our Part

1 Chronicles 29:14-16 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in Your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building You a temple for Your Holy Name comes from Your hand, and all of it belongs to You.”

A. Be Humble

- 1) Everything we have comes from God.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- 2) Great things start with humble hearts.

B. Be Generous

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

C. The PLOW Principle

- 1) *P – Pray*

- Obey God first with your tithe.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

- Commit yourself to missions.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Pray for what HE can do and not just what WE can do.

2) *L – Listen*

3) *O – Obey*

- Where does the resource come from?

- We give naturally.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Exodus 35:4-5 Moses said to the whole Israelite community, “This is what the Lord has commanded: From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze;

- We give sacrificially.

Exodus 35:10 “All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded:”

- We give creatively.

Exodus 36:4-7 So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.” Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.” And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

4) *W – Watch*

- The PLOWWW Principle