

## The Power of a Vision

### Habakkuk 2:3

For 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. /'ter.i/

- God gives the corporate vision – vision of the church.
- Personal dream - What is your dream? How do you see yourself in five years?
- The greatest tragedy/'trædʒ.ə.di/ of a human being is not having a vision.
- Vision is seeing the future from your imagination – Vision is how you see yourself in the future.

### The power of the vision

1. The vision is the channel to unleash the power.
  - Vision is the place where power is unleashed.
2. The vision is to serve a purpose
3. The vision is to mobilize people
4. The vision is to empower growth
  - Vision helps you grow.
5. The vision is a means to serve.
6. The vision is the design for provision.
  - God never starts with resources but with a vision.
  - There is a difference between vision and ambition.
  - Ambition has to do with me. It is selfish. Ambition is not imparted because it does not have the power to multiply.
  - Ambition is centered on us. The vision is centered on others.
  - Ambition is to have power, recognition, fame, money.
  - The Vision empowers you to prosper.
7. The vision helps you to be focus

### Psalm 126:1-2

When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

- Vision is always about people.

### **Matthew 14:14-22**

<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Bring them here to Me.” <sup>19</sup> Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. <sup>20</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup> Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women /'wem.in/ and children. <sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

- When there is vision there is a solution to problems
  - School of the vision registrations
  - Hops

## Building Strong Marriages

Ephesians 5:22-33

There are Certain Rules that we must learn and Respect in Marriage

**1. Do not avoid or try to manipulate conflict with silence.**

- Silence can be used as a weapon to control, manipulate or frustrate.
- Be careful with silence! It is a marriage killer!

**2 Kings 11:1-3**

**Athaliah takes the throne.**

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs. <sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons *who were* being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. <sup>3</sup> So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

**2. Do not keep a scrapbook of past frustrations.**

Women:

- "He always comes late."
- "He never calls me."
- "He never tells me he loves me."
- "I remember five years ago; he took some friends to dinner, and he didn't take me."
- "Ten years ago, he promised to take me on vacation, and when I was getting ready, he told me that he was too tired."
- "Five years ago, he promised to buy me a house and until now he hasn't done it."

Men:

- "Well, she is always screaming."
- "She is always stuck to the phone. I remember three months ago I tried to call her in the afternoon and the phone was busy, busy, busy, for more than three hours."
- "She never tries to be interested in what interests me."

**Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

### **3. Attack the problem, not each other.**

\*Don't let personal criticism enter your conflict: you are a fool! You are fat? You are lazy!

What does that have to do with the problem?

\*Do not refer to habits either: “! Ah, so I am stupid, fat, and lazy! Well, you are a glutton!”

• Be very careful with making references to the family:

- “That’s how your mother is.”
- “You’re just like your dad.”
- “Your brother is like that too.”

Neither the father nor the mother has anything to do with the problem. Attack the problem, not each other.

#### **Matthew 7:1-5**

“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

### **4. Have a good relationship between Parents and Children**

#### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” <sup>4</sup> And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

#### **Malachi 4:6**

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

## **5. Have a vision to prosper!**

### **3 John 2**

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- A. A plan
- B. Execute the plan.
- C. Evaluate the plan.

## The Covenant of Unity

### Genesis 11:1-6

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain/*plein*/ in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt/*'æ.s.fɑ:lt/* for mortar. / *'mɔ:r.tə/* <sup>4</sup> And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

**Covenant:** It is based on an agreement and commitment of two lives that become one.

- The purpose of covenant is to be one.
- There is no unity if there is no commitment.
- It was not God's will to build the tower, but they had the right principles.

Unity principles:

- The same language
- The same Commitment

**Commitment:** “It is a voluntary act of giving oneself in sacrifice to a person or giving oneself in sacrifice to a purpose, a vision, a cause or a thing.”

- One same Mind

**The foundation for covenant is sacrifice.**

- Where there is no sacrifice there is no fire

**Psalms 50:5** “Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

- Commitment is a sign of unity.
- Love is the motivation in unity.

- Commitment goes beyond just being involved.
- Without covenant God does not commit
- Every relationship is measured according to commitment.

### **John 15:13**

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

- Love eliminates the why.
- Commitment is giving your life as a sacrifice for others.
- The opposite of commitment is being indifferent.
- The opposite of unity is division.
- Jesus is only Lord in what you have only surrendered to Him.
- Any area you do not surrender to Him is a legal entry to the enemy.
- Pleasing Him exceeds my desire to please others.

The purpose of unity is to gather the harvest.

### **Philippians 2:2**

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

**Illustration:** Call certain leaders to link arms in unity

Call to salvation.

Take the Holy Communion

## The Spiritual Works in the Vision

- Where there is distraction there is no vision
- You must saturate multiplication with prayer.
- Nehemiah governed through prayer.
- How did Nehemiah work spiritually:

### 12 Prayers in the Book

#### 1. First Prayer

##### **Nehemiah 1:4** - NIV

<sup>4</sup>When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

- His first prayer was to humble himself and repent.
- Nobody was doing anything for the city.

#### 2. Second Prayer

##### **Nehemiah 2:4** – NIV

<sup>4</sup>The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven,

- The prayer of sending

#### 3. Third Prayer

##### **Nehemiah 4:4** – NIV

<sup>4</sup>Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity.

- Prayer for protection in the edification

#### 4. Fourth Prayer

##### **Nehemiah 4:9** – NIV

<sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

- Day and night watch prayer

#### 5. Fifth Prayer

**Nehemiah 5:13** – NIV

<sup>13</sup> I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!” At this the whole assembly said, “Amen,” and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

- Prayer to confront all rebellion in town.

#### 6. Sixth Prayer

**Nehemiah 5:19** – NIV

<sup>19</sup> Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.

- Prayer for God to approve the leadership.

#### 7. Seventh Prayer

**Nehemiah 6:9** – NIV

<sup>9</sup> They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.” But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”

- Prayer for strength

#### 8. Eighth Prayer

**Nehemiah 6:14** – NIV

<sup>14</sup> Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.

- Prayer for God to discover every saboteur against the work.
- For Nehemiah it was important to know who was with him and who was against him.

#### 9. Ninth Prayer

**Nehemiah 13:14** – NIV

<sup>14</sup> Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services.

- Nehemiah makes a prayer saying “God do not forget my service and commitment to your work”

#### 10. Tenth Prayer

**Nehemiah 13:22** – NIV

<sup>22</sup> Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love.

- Prayer for God’s mercy and forgiveness for the people and for the mistakes he has made as a leader.
- When one fails you must ask for forgiveness. Don’t let your leadership go to your head. Be humble.

#### 11. Eleventh Prayer

**Nehemiah 13:29** – NIV

<sup>29</sup> Remember them, my God, because they defiled the priestly office and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites.

- A prayer confronting all those who serve with a wrong heart. To those who serve wrongly.

#### 12. Twelfth Prayer

### **Nehemiah 13:31 – NIV**

<sup>31</sup> I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me with favor, my God.

- Prayer asking for good for the service you have had in the work of God.
- What no one did in 90 years, He did in 52 days.
- 5 is Grace and Favor, 2 is agreement.
- When there is grace and favor, we can build and multiply.
- $5+2=7$  Perfection and complete
- Let's govern through prayer

## **4 Keys for a Vision to Produce**

### 1. Faith

#### **Romans 14:23 – NIV**

<sup>23</sup> But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

#### **Hebrews 11:6 – NIV**

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

### 2. Prayer

#### **Zachariah 12:10 – NIV**

<sup>10</sup> “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of grace and supplication. They will look on<sup>[b]</sup> me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

**Isaiah 45:11 – NIV**

<sup>11</sup> “This is what the Lord says — the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?”

3. The Holy Spirit

- if you don't work with the Holy Spirit, you have already failed.
- A small disobedience to the Holy Spirit will rob you from a great harvest.

**Zachariah 4:6 – NIV**

<sup>6</sup> So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

4. There is no success if there is no unity

- Without unity all projects fail
- When someone has something against another, it is because they sat down to listen to a complaint.
- They do not confront gossip. And because they didn't confront it, they just listened to it and think that there will be no consequences. This is called passive murmuring. Just listen.
- You must have the humility to ask for forgiveness and to forgive.
- We must promote unity.

**We are going to work with a seven-person list.**

With the goal of affirming three of the seven. They can be people who must be won or people who must be recovered.

For three days pray for the seven.

Ask God for a word for them, a word sent with power.

1. Send them in the Spirit.

**Isaiah 55:11** – NIV

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

2. The Holy Spirit

**John 16:8** – NIV

<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

¿How to make them come? Have a gift for each of the seven. Take them the gift personally. Tell them “There is a word from God for you”. Have a card with a bible verse. If you don’t have enough for a gift, then write then a card. Or send them a text message with the scripture.

3. God assigns angels to help us gather the crop.

**Matthew 13:39** – NIV

<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

- If you are willing to win souls God will send his angels to help you mow.

**Revelations 14:6** – NIV

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

**Acts 10:3-6 – NIV**

<sup>3</sup> One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” <sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

4. The worker

**Matthew 9:38 – NIV**

<sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

- Write down the seven names.
- Pray for them.