

# Vision Part 2

## Guarding Your Dream and Realizing Your Vision

### Welcome To Church!

- This is a place where people with a past come to find a future
- How many of us in here have a past?
  - Aren't you glad that your past doesn't get to define your future?
    - Unless you are insistent on looking back...living back there in the mistakes, pains, hurts and failures of the past
    - But your future is going to be defined by your vision!!
- At GP...very much like God...we could care a lick about your past...but we are very much interested in where you're going.

### Vision Part 1 - Recap

- **The Importance of having a VISION**
- **HELEN KELLER**, who was deaf and blind said, "WORSE THAN BEING BLIND WOULD BE, TO BE ABLE TO SEE, BUT NOT HAVE VISION."
- **Where There Is No Vision**...people perish
  - Your Vision becomes the Rudder of your ship
  - Drifting...no course, destination or drive
- **Your vision is your future**

- **The Word of God is a lamp** to our feet and a light unto our path
- **In All of our Ways...**acknowledge Him and He...will direct your life
- **Vision Shaped In God's Word**
- **Written Word** - SEE
- **Spoken Word** - HEAR

People **Hungry** ...More of God

## **Leaders Must Have a Dream and a Vision –**

**The Blind Leading The Blind!!** Can you see?? Can you hear? That should be a prerequisite for every leader?

- If you are going to lead Yourself...You need a vision

1. WOODROW WILSON 28<sup>th</sup> Pres SAID, "WE GROW GREAT BY DREAMS. ALL BIG MEN ARE DREAMERS."

2. ANOTHER HAS SAID, "THE POOREST MAN IS NOT HE WHO IS WITHOUT A CENT, BUT HE WHO IS WITHOUT A DREAM."

3. SOMEONE DESCRIBED TWO PRISONERS IN A CELL  
LOOKING OUT A WINDOW. ONE SAW BARS AND  
THE OTHER SAW STARS.

4. AS A PREACHER I WANT TO BE A PERSON WITH A  
VISION. AS PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH, I WANT US  
TO A CHURCH WITH A VISION AND PEOPLE WITH  
VISION.

### **Joseph and His Brothers – Dream!!!**

**Genesis 37:1-8** – SO Good!!!

So Jacob settled again in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived as a foreigner.

<sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob and his family. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing.

<sup>3</sup> Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. <sup>4</sup> But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

<sup>5</sup> One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than

ever. <sup>6</sup> “Listen to this dream,” he said. <sup>7</sup> “We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!”

<sup>8</sup> His brothers responded, “So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.

## The Enemy of Every Vision

### Guarding Your Vision

- **Share With Wrong People**
- **Words, Planning and Strategy Void of Faith** in a Supernatural God
  - Fear
  - We do the natural and allow God to do the Supernatural
  - Do shape or craft your vision based on your abilities or your stability or on your ability to finance it.
  - Visions will often be **bigger than you**...in fact always bigger than you if inspired by God.
- **Lack**... Hard pressed to see how in the midst of your lack.
  - Not Enough Time
  - Not enough Money
  - Not enough Help

- **Procrastination...too much time!!**
  - Procrastination will kill a dream. (Eighth Grade Football)
- **Commitment**
  - William H. Murray  
Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative and creation, there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans. It is this: The moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves you. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issue from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man or woman could have dreamed would have come his/her way.

### **Dreams - Avatar**

Jake Sully was a marine now paraplegic with no use of legs. He was an ex-warrior with no direction or seemingly place in society. He was in the way. But now he was given a chance to be a 10ft tall Avatar in his dreams. He was able to walk!! He was able to run and ride on wild beasts. He was able to be a warrior again. He could fly through the air on mountain banshee called an Ikran and even ride the Toruk. To be Toruk Makto!

Our Greatest Dreams are the ones where we can fly!  
Why...because we can't...because we don't. **Wright Brothers!!** When a **dream** becomes a **vision** we begin spending the days, hours and minutes of our lives in pursuit of that dream. When a dream becomes a vision...It is impossible to stop!

## Pour Out Spirit – Dreams and Visions

**Acts 2:14-21** –

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days,' God says,

    'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

    Your young men will see visions,  
    and your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> In those days I will pour out my Spirit  
    even on my servants—men and women alike—  
    and they will prophesy.

**Prophecy** – Spoken vision of the future shaped in God's Word and His Will!!

**Prophecy** – When one speaks a vision of the future they see and hear, shaped in the Word and Will of God!!

- What do you see?
- What do you hear?

- Let He Who Has an Ear...Hear What The Spirit is saying to the Churches
- **Prophecy** to yourself Prophet!! -
  - **James 3** compares the **Tongue** to a **Ship's Rudder!!**
  - **Speak Vision**
    - I am not going to die!!
      - Jesus came that I would have life and life more abundantly
    - Our business is going to succeed
      - Everything I put my hand to is blessed
    - Our marriage is growing stronger
      - God honors marriage
    - My daughter is protected everywhere she goes because God keeps the city!!
    - I'm not losing my mind
      - God has given me the spirit of power love and a sound mind

## **God's Spoken Word**

My Sheep know my voice! Another they will Not Follow!

**John 10:1-5** –

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup> But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”

**John 16:12-15** –

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

- **Let he who has an ear hear what the spirit is saying unto His people!!!** (Spoken Word)
- **Spirit Led** – We are not only a Spirit-Filled Church, but Spirit Led! The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us into every truth.



**Even as we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts right now I want to ask you a question?**

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you right now?
- What is God bringing to the forefront of your heart and mind
- What is God leading to do?