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All Scripture used is from the NKJV  
unless otherwise noted

## SESSION 2 – THE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP PROCESS

### A) The Vision Process - Vision comes from God

God gives vision according to His purposes. God's \_\_\_\_\_ are His vision, the future God has determined to develop. The Word of God contains the purposes of God written down for humanity accompanied by the visions He imparted to the Leaders He chose to fulfill His purposes.

### B) Five elements common to God inspired visions

#### 1. God's Vision Revealed

Amos 3:7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his \_\_\_\_\_ to his servants the prophets. (NIV)

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, <sup>10</sup> Declaring the \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

The revealing of God's vision many times is received as the initial call of God.

#### 2. God's leader called and prepared

Jeremiah 1:4-5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup> " Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

- a) God knows us and what He has called us to do before we were born!
- b) The means God uses to communicate His vision to the Leader may be through revelation of Scripture, a dream, an open vision, a burden, a righteous conviction to change something or a Prophetic utterance (This should confirm what a leader already senses as God's vision).

- c) The one common denominator is that the leader knows God has called him or her to do a specific work for Him.
- d) The leader responds to God's vision: Prays, Fasts, Builds a Team, Plans, Communicates and Initiates Steps to Fulfill the Vision.

### 3. God's Vision Tested

Psalm 105:17-21 Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. <sup>18</sup> They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. <sup>19</sup> Until the \_\_\_\_\_ came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's character. <sup>20</sup> Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. <sup>21</sup> Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household; he became ruler over all the king's possessions. (NLT)

- a) Joseph was given prophetic dreams about the future
- b) He was betrayed by his brothers and sold as a slave
- c) God never left Joseph and used the natural to prepare Joseph for his ministry
- d) Promoted to ruler over Potiphar's household
- e) Falsely accused and imprisoned
- f) Promoted to a leadership position in prison
- g) Received prophetic interpretation of Pharaoh's servants dreams but was forgotten
- h) Finally interprets Pharaoh's dreams and was promoted second in command over Egypt
- i) The dreams God gave him literally came to pass as his brothers bowed to him
- j) God's purposes were fulfilled and many people were saved
- k) It took a \_\_\_\_\_ for Joseph's dreams to fully manifest!
- l) Has God given you dreams?
- m) Never give up on the dream / vision God has given you (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

### 4. God's Power Manifested

If you feel afraid or inadequate for the job you're just the kind of person God is looking to use!

- Moses focused on his self imposed limitations saying he could not speak
- Gideon compared himself with all the other families in Israel
- Jeremiah thought he was too young to prophesy
- Jonah ran from the call of God to preach
- Peter thought he was too sinful but Jesus transformed him into an apostle.
- Paul was afraid to preach and the Lord encouraged him several times to not be silent
- Timothy was "timid"

Zechariah 4:6... 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great \_\_\_\_\_ was upon them all.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 (Amplified) Such is the reliance *and* confidence that we have through Christ toward *and* with reference to God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments *or* to claim *or* count anything as coming from us, but our power *and* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* sufficiency are from God. <sup>6</sup> [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers *and* dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive.

“A divine vision, on the other hand, is limited only by God’s potential and resources. That means anything is possible. If it is just a good idea, you have to make it happen. When God gives you a vision, there’s a sense in which you stand back and watch it happen.”

Visioneering pg. 57

## 5. God’s Glory Acknowledged

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And My \_\_\_\_\_ I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. <sup>27</sup> But God has \_\_\_\_\_ the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption <sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “*He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.*”

It’s not because of our own power, smarts or abilities that we fulfill the vision of God.

“When God intervenes, the attention shifts to Him. Divine intervention, when it is recognized, results in authentic worship and unquestioned obedience. This is God’s ultimate agenda for the visions He has given you. He is at the end of visions He has authored. Your visions are for His glory. He is the end of the line.” Visioneering Pg. 241

## C) EXAMPLES OF THE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP PROCESS

## **Abraham – Vision of the Promised Land**

A) God's Vision \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 12:7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

B) God's Leader Called and Prepared

- Abraham obeyed God's voice. Ref; Genesis 12:1-4
- Abraham entered into unbelief and impatience.
- He created Ishmael a son of the flesh not a son of the promise.

C) God's Vision Tested – Abraham was willing to offer up Isaac trusting in God to raise him from the dead. Ref; Genesis 22

D) God's Power Manifested – Abraham believed God's promise and the power of God manifested to give him and Sarah Isaac.

Romans 4:17-19 (as it is written, "*I have made you a father of many nations*") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; <sup>18</sup> who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "*So shall your descendants be.*" <sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

E) God's Glory Acknowledged - Romans 4:20-22 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup> And therefore "*it was accounted to him for righteousness.*"

## **Nehemiah – Vision to restore the walls of Jerusalem**

A) God's Vision Revealed – The burden to rebuild Jerusalem

B) God's Leader Called and Prepared – Nehemiah positioned to serve the king

C) God's Vision Tested – Discouragement and attacks against the rebuilding of the walls

D) God's Power Manifested – Divine favor, unity and the quick rebuilding of the wall and gates

E) God's Glory Acknowledged – Everyone knew the restoration was the work of God

## **D) JESUS CHRIST THE VISIONARY LEADER EXTRAORDINAIRE!**

The greatest visionary the world has ever seen was the man named Jesus. He is the Visionary Extraordinaire!!! Consider the awesome impact He made and continues to make on the world:

- a) Jesus never wrote a book but thousands of books have been written about Him!
- b) Jesus never bought real estate yet thousands of church buildings are named after Him!
- c) Jesus didn't open a bank account yet billions of dollars have been given to His cause!
- d) Jesus never started a bakery yet millions of people have been feed in His name!
- e) Jesus never started a clothing company yet millions have been clothed in His name!
- f) Jesus never adopted kids yet thousands of orphanages have been started in His name!
- g) Jesus never built a school yet universities have been constructed to study His words!
- h) Jesus never wore a watch but the history of the world is divided around His life!

Why? Because Jesus lived to communicate the Heavenly Fathers heart and vision for the people of earth. He died to fulfill that vision and was raised again the third day as Lord to save and empower Believers to live for the same vision!

### What exactly did Jesus say about His vision?

- a) Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ that which was lost.”
- b) Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to \_\_\_\_\_, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- c) Luke 4:43 “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this \_\_\_\_\_ I have been sent.”
- d) Mark 1:17 Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become \_\_\_\_\_ of men.”
- e) Matthew 16:18 ...on this rock I will build My \_\_\_\_\_, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

### The four “All’s” of Jesus Ultimate World Vision for this age:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

- Power - Jesus has **all authority** in Heaven and Earth.
- People - Now we are to make disciples of **all nations** or people groups.
- Practices - Teaching them to obey **all things** Jesus has taught us.
- Presence - I AM with you **always**.

## **Visionaries must be willing to pay a price to see their vision fulfilled:**

John Maxwell says it this way: "People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision. People buy into the vision after the leader buys into it" Visioneering Pg. 125

- a) Our leader Jesus Christ personally bought into His vision by enduring great persecution, physical and psychological torment followed by being crucified to a cross and dying.
- b) History records that all the apostles suffered martyrdom except John
- c) The apostle Paul said that he obeyed the vision God revealed to him. Acts 26:19...I was not disobedient to the \_\_\_\_\_ vision...

## **Conclusion**

- a) God has always called leaders and revealed his vision to them to fulfill His purposes.
- b) The Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest example of a Visionary Leader!
- c) Peter and Paul are excellent examples partnering with God to fulfill a divine vision.
- d) Each received the call of God in different ways.
- e) Each was led by the Holy Spirit through visions and dreams.
- f) God continues to pour out His Spirit and impart dreams and visions to His servants that are in line with His purposes, specifically the fulfillment of the Great Commission and building of his glorious Church!
- g) Decide that you will get ahold of the vision of God for your life and fulfill it!

## **Answers**

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