20/20 (Part 1) THE POWER OF VISION PROVERBS 29:18

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Proverbs 29:18 ESV Where there is no prophetic vision the people perish...

WE WANT TO BE A PEOPLE WITH A VISION.

I. The supernatural power of a vision. What is spiritual vision? Spiritual vision is seeing things from God's point of view. Spiritual vision is getting on your heart what God has on His heart – the redemption of the world. Vision has the power to unite individuals into a community. Vision can unite communities into a nation. Vision leads to a productive life. Formula: A vision + a plan + action = a spiritually productive life! Jesus fully expects each of us to have a vision and a strategy (a strategy that was first clearly modeled by Him) to impact the world to the ends of the earth and until the end of time! His vision strategy: reach out and bring in!

2. The sad condition of having no vision. What does "no vision" mean? "No vision" means that people do not have a revelation of God; it's being myopic and staying limited to our bubbles and our selfish, petty, sinful plans. Pastor said, "No vision is any vision that is not God-sized. " Our perception will determine our plans and our performance. Our limited human intelligence will always give us our point of view. For faith to be activated, it needs to be stretch! Only a miracle of revelation will give us God's point of view. Pastor shared, "If your goal doesn't scare you, it's probably too small."

3. The Serious Consequence of having no vision. The Hebrew word for perish is para which means chaos. Without vision, "people will be all over the place—or in chaos, no direction, no coherence, no unity." No vision leads to having no direction and a lot of confusion. Without revelation from God, people will choose to do their own thing with no sense of unified purpose.

WE WANT TO BE A PEOPLE WITH DEEP DEVOTION.

The only way to reach a goal, the only way to grow in a relationship, the only way to fulfill a vision is through deep devotion. Don't treat the vision as a project but a process. It's commitment to the process that will finish the project. The fulfilment of the vision or reaching a goal is a result of faithful devotion and perseverance. Read Acts 2:42-47. 42 They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they **continued** to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And **the Lord added** to their number daily those who were being saved.

WE WANT TO BE A PEOPLE WITH UNSTOPPABLE RESOLVE.

The disciples were described in Acts 5:39 as unstoppable. The rabbi Gamaliel said, "...if this movement is of God, you won't be able to stop it. And you will only find yourselves fighting against God which you do not want to do!" We look ahead to 2020 with excitement and resolve! We want to be like the church in the book of Acts: unstoppable! We want to see Mosaic move forward to pursue three major initiatives: 1) <u>Growth</u>: One Life at a Time (evangelism/discipleship), 2) <u>Justice</u>: Let it flow like a river (engage in the repair of this broken world/ Hebrew: tikkun olam) and 3) <u>Expansion</u>: rebuilding the House of God one community at a time!

Be part of the movement—don't fight against it! Together we will have a strong and united resolve to pursue what's on God's heart! When we do, with God's anointing and favor, this city, this region, and everything you and I get into contact with will be powerful transformed by the power of the Spirit!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

I. Do you want to see our vision fulfilled in your own lifetime? What are you most excited about the future of our Church?

- 2. What do want to see more of at Mosaic? Why? (example: new disciples, baptisms, finances, new DGs, new mission points, new songs, etc.)
- 3. What is your personal vision for your walk with Jesus? What kinds of fruit do you want more of? (Read John 15:8, Psalm 112:5, Galatians 5:22-23)
- 4. Read Zechariah 4:6-7. What do you think might be the mountains that stand in the way between us and the fulfillment of our church's vision?
- 5. How can we stretch our faith to turn those mountains into level ground?
- 6. What mountains stand in the way of your pursuit of God's will and purposes for you?
- 7. How is your one? What have you invested or done to start reaching your one?

8. What do you think is God asking you to 1) work on, 2) sacrifice, 3) let go, or 5) to accept so that His vision for you and for our church will be fulfilled in our lifetime?

