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“The Power of Vision”- 3- **“Bringing Vision into reality”**

In the middle of October, Lord woke me up in the middle of the night saying **“I am making up for lost time”**. I had a sense it had to do with vision. He wants to make up for things that should have come to pass but they haven't. **“I am going to make up for lost time.”**

There are things in all of our lives that we have prayed for, stood for and have known they should have come to pass and for whatever reason they haven't. Well, we are in a new season. **“He is making up for lost time and things will come to pass”**.

“We are in a season of things culminating”. Culmination is the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time; the end or conclusion of something. The outcome of growth or development that represents an attained objective; the climax of a story, the final crowning achievement, or the end result of years of research. The end point of something you have been working towards or something that's been building up.

I keep hearing **“get them into the fields the harvest is ripe”**.

John 4:34-38 Ampc. *“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to **finish His work.**”³⁵ Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? **Look!** I tell you, **raise your eyes and observe the fields and see** how they are already white for harvesting.”³⁶ Already the reaper is getting his wages [he who does the cutting now has his reward], for **he is gathering fruit (crop) unto life eternal,** so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together.”³⁷ For in this the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ **I sent you to reap a crop***

for which you have not toiled. Other men have labored and you have stepped in to **reap the results of their work.**"

Vision from God comes from relationship with God!

What we are discovering today is designed to help us discover who God has created us to be. This is for us, not anyone else. God wants us to bring the vision into reality.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NKJV *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may obtain.** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus; not with uncertainty. Thus I fight; not as one who beats the air. But **I discipline** my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

Let your race be driven by eternity. In order "to make up for lost time". In order to "get into the fields", we must take ownership of what God has placed in us. His purpose for our life, the vision that comes from him and the plans to bring it into reality. Run our race!

Define what success looks like for you! For me, its being in the process of knowing the One Who made me, finding and operating in my gifts and being the best me, I can be.

Purpose- this is your **Why**.

Vision- this is **What** it looks like to live out your purpose

Goals or plans- **How** you will create your vision to bring your purpose into reality.

PURPOSE!

What is purpose? Manufacturers original intent; what you've been created for; destined for; **why** you are here; what you are made for; it doesn't change, its timeless, not an accident; intentional. (**Isaiah 45:9-13**)

God created us on purpose for a purpose! Its inside us and not on the outside.

Proverbs 19:21 Ampc. *“Many plans are in a man’s mind, but it is the Lord’s purpose for him that will stand.”*

Ex. Of a spoon, knife, hammer

We must know the purpose of a thing or we will abuse it. Abuse- abnormal use.
Ignorance of purpose leads to abuse. We can’t use something properly unless we know why it exist.

Jeremiah 1:5 Ampc. *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as ...”*

We are created on purpose, for a purpose and through relationship with God we discover why He created us and what He placed on the inside of us.

Romans 11:29 Ampc. *“For **God’s gifts** and **His call** are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives **His grace** or to whom He sends His call”.*

Part of discovering your purpose is learning about yourself!

What are your desires? **Psalms 37:4; Phil 2:13; John 15:1-8**

Locate your gifts: **Romans 11:29; 12:3-6; Proverbs 18:16; 1 Peter 4:10**

Have Godly counsel and make sure it bears witness;

Proverbs 11:14-*“Where no wise guidance is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”* what leaders do you have in your life

Listen to the Holy Spirit; **Romans 8:14-16 Ampc.** *“¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.¹⁵ For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!¹⁶ The Spirit Himself [thus] **testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.**”*

- His word, His spirit, guide us.

- If He assures us we are His children then He will assure us of why we are here.

Let Gods peace rule in your heart; **Colossians 3:15**

Look at what produces; **Matthew 12:33**

Get involved in another persons vision; Luke 16:10-12 Ampc. “*He who is **faithful** in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much.¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the [case of] unrighteous mammon (☞deceitful riches, money, possessions), **who will entrust to you the true riches?**¹² And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, ☞the true riches]?*

- ministry, job, etc..
- true riches is revelation, understanding, knowing the will of God

Purpose is the filter in which you can make decisions through. Its why you do what you do so you can bring forth what you are created to do. We create with mind, heart, words, actions...

We make decision through this. Its okay if you don't know this yet but keep moving

Ex. Of riding the bike, you had basic understanding but you didn't know, you guessed, and you allowed each fall to teach you not to fall that way again

Our why, is like the sun and the earth rotates around it. When we know our purpose then everything rotates around this.

DISCOVER YOUR VISION; vision serves purpose, this can change through time. What does it look like to fulfill your purpose? What do you see yourself doing to fulfill your purpose

Vision connects our purpose and goals. Vision changes as awareness changes. Vision can change as we grow and discover who we are created to be and what gifts we have. How have you done on writing your vision, your desires?

Proverbs 29:18 Ampc. *“Where there is no **vision** [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]—blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.”*

Habakkuk 2:2,3 Ampc. *“And the Lord answered me and said, **Write the vision** and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.³ For **the vision** is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, **because it will surely come**; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day.”*

What does it look like to fulfill your purpose? This is your vision...

What do you really want? Vision is purpose in pictures.

What does it look like?

What is the biggest picture you can see right now? What's the highest point you can see right now? What would your life look like in the five main areas?

- Spiritually, relationally, vocational, physical, financial

When you write your vision, it should be with passion, excitement and expectation. When it comes to you, is it in alignment with your purpose?

When we start writing vision, you start seeing , short term goals and long term goals

Remember this will be in alignment with your gifts, your strengths, what you have the potential to be good at.

Don't get stuck at how are we going to do this because if you can't see how then your mind will start rejecting the idea **so stay in the land of possibility**. Stay focused on your why and the how will come.

DEVELOP DAILY PLAN: (Remember telescope goals, then bring back to microscope). Success is determined by what we do daily. **Psalms 90:12**

What is **required** of you? These things I must do or they don't get done.
Personally- family- work-

What gives you the greatest **return**? When you do this thing there is a return. A value add or financially

What gives you the greatest **reward**? Satisfaction, fulfillment, what fills me up, picks me up, renews me

- We want to work towards these things being in alignment with our vision and purpose

What is **the next step**? **What action** do I need to take next?

James 2:17 Ampc. *“So also faith, if it does not have works (**deeds and actions** of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).*

- We experience what is promised when we act. When I believe it, I will act on it and act like it is true.

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John 2:5 Ampc. *“His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it.”*

Whatever He tells you to do. Do it.

What Attitude do I need to show up with daily? The attitude of faith.

2 Corinthians 4:13 Ampc. *“Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak,”*

Daily plan- reflect and plan- execute priorities- grow, communicate, lead and rope

Weekly plan- reflect and plan, grow, family, church, mentors, develop business

Monthly plan- reflect and plan- monthly goals, quarterly, yearly- meet with people who grow me, books, teachings, meetings, develop calendar

PLANNING THE VISION

God had a plan to make His dream a reality. The plan of redemption.

Jeremiah 29:11 Ampc. *“For I know the thoughts and **plans** that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and **plans** for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.”*

Success is knowing God and being the best us we can be!
 Success is a progressive realization of a predetermined goal
 Success is arriving at the place you've determined to arrive

God wants us to succeed at us being us more than we do

He wants the goals that we set and grow into, to lead into our vision, vision is focused passion.

Philippians 3:13,14 NKJV *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have ^[a]apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward **the goal** for the prize of **the upward call of God** in Christ Jesus."*

The plan is the evidence that I have faith that what I see in the unseen will come to pass

Planning is faith and faith is planning

Hebrews 11:1 Ampc. *"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, ^[a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [**we**] **do not see and the conviction of their reality** [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."*

Faith is belief in God's promises. It's being certain of what we do not see. It demands a plan

When I'm serious, I have a plan. Planning is an expression of faith

When I believe I start a plan for it to take place

Proverbs 29:18 *"where there is no vision people perish"*

- Where there is no vision then there is no self control
- Without a plan there is no goal control

James 2:20 *"faith without works is dead"*

Am I following through on the work. Planning without work is failure

Remember **the plan** supports **the vision** and the vision supports **the purpose**. God created you for a purpose and He sees and knows what you are created to do but He desires us to make the plan from our relationship with Him.

When your plan isn't working over a set amount of time, then change it
 God didn't change His purpose for man, He didn't change His vision, but He did
 His plan- 1st Adam then 2nd Adam Jesus

Psalms 20:4,5 Ampc. *“May He grant you **according to your hearts desire and fulfill all your plans.** We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.”*

- We get our desire from time with Him, then we make a plan from that desire.
- God gave a desire and the plan succeeded; a plan is a written desire

Proverbs 16:1,3,9 Ampc. *“The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, but from **the Lord** comes the [wise] answer of the tongue... Roll your works upon **the Lord** [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed... A man's mind plans his way but **the Lord directs** his steps and makes them sure.”*

- If there is no plan God can't direct, If you don't give Him movement to work with He won't lead or direct
- Acting on the plan brings the vision into reality.

BE PERSISTENT IN EXECUTING THE PLAN!

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