

Vision in Every Season

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Seems like yesterday I was looking out my friend's window at the mountain range east of Ogden, commenting on the change of seasons, even though there was still so much snow on those mountains. Now, here we are in the month of May – another change of seasons in many ways. If you look at the backside of those same mountains you can still see places where the snow has not melted, and yet, in a short time the snow will cover them once again.

Throughout our lives, we will have many of these *"change of seasons"*. Some of them will be dramatic, like the brilliant color changes in fall; while others more subtle, like the slow awakening of spring. Some seasons bring fresh and new vision – others a redefining of vision. Regardless, God's vision does not fade away, nor will it die. Much like the snow on the backside of the mountain, it will remain through every season!

"I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. 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. Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.'" (Habakkuk 2:1-4)

Many of us wait until the beginning of the New Year to seek the Lord concerning the vision He has spoken over and into our lives. However, I want to encourage you to seek Him today. Ask Him to once again reveal, revive, rekindle, and perhaps even renew the vision. This is something every one of us should do throughout the year, as the challenges and experiences of life dull those things in us.

There are several powerful truths found in the above passage – let's take a look at a few of them.

Take Your Place

Everyone one of us has a calling upon our lives! If we truly want to be used in the Kingdom of God, we must "get in the game".

Have Expectancy

"...watch to see what He will say to me..." God is speaking to you all the time. He is not holding back the plans for your life, but we must expectantly gaze and listen. Most of the time, His voice will be a thought, a picture in your mind, even a suggestion from a friend. Don't think you have to hear the thunderous voice of God like Moses did in the movie "The Ten Commandments". Let your spiritual eyes and ears awaken to God!

Receive What He Speaks to You

No matter if the message from God is clarification, redefining, fresh and new, or even correction; receive what the Lord says with eagerness and joy. He corrects those He loves (Proverbs 3:12)! *"God is not*

looking for vessels of gold and silver, but vessels yielded for His glory” (Kathryn Kuhlman). The most effective lives in the Kingdom are those who submit themselves to God wholeheartedly, and begin to walk in the direction of God’s vision.

Write the Vision Down

Is the vision something personal for just you – perhaps a way of walking out this thing called life? Or, is it a vision that will impact the body of Christ in a city, state, region, or worldwide? Write it down! As we begin to jot down what we hear and see God saying to us, He will highlight specific things for us to focus on at that moment in time. If the vision is for the multitudes (which many times they are), it is important to write it out, so others can “catch the vision” and support what God desires to do in and through You. Remember, often times God will have others come along side you to bring the vision to life. You don’t have to stand alone.

Wait for It

Don’t get discouraged when it seems as though the vision isn’t happening like you thought it would or in the timing you desired. Just like the snow on the backside of the mountain that never melts, a God vision will not fade away, won’t die, and won’t tarry. It may seem as though something is wrong, but **WAIT FOR IT** – God will bring it to fullness at just the right time, so it can make the greatest possible impact on you and humanity. Remember this one thing as well... God is always NOW. The vision, the prophetic promise, or the calling He has placed in and on your life is NOW in Him. It’s a done deal! If we can grasp this truth, we can walk confidently into the vision, promise or calling, knowing God has all things under control. All we have to do is continue to press into knowing Him, believe, trust, and go for it!

Protect and Believe

Just as we are to write the vision down – make it plain for others to run with it, I believe it is important to cast the vision to others and protect that which God has entrusted to us. In verse four of the passage, we are told the proud does not have an upright soul, but the just live by faith. There will be those who do not have pure hearts, those who will even come against what God is and wants to do through you, but trust and believe God. Walk in faith knowing if He has spoken the vision to you, then He will birth it through you! Live by faith! Trust Pappa God to bring it to pass in His way and in His timing!

Every season in the natural is vital for the sustaining of life. In the fall, a tree will begin to change. The leaves turn color, as the temperature drops. It is preparing itself for the snow to come. In winter, that same tree is dormant. The ground is frozen, but there is still life flowing in that tree. Spring brings a reawakening and new growth is seen on the tree. Summer is hot, but with proper amounts of water, the tree will be lush and fruit will come forth. It is the same for each one of us, our spiritual lives, and the vision God has spoken to us. The thing we must remember is there is always life in every season!

“Father, as we come into this new season in the natural, I pray for each one of Your beloved ones reading this message. Let the vision You have spoken into their lives awaken. Where discouragement has come, I pray for joy. Where there seems to be death, I pray for life. Where hopelessness has come in because of

disappointment, I pray that HOPE will arise and dreams and vision will be fulfilled. Let each one of us gaze upon Your beauty and hear Your voice speaking newness. Let expectancy rise up in our spirits, believing You will carry out the vision in and through our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

God bless you in every season of your lives!

In His Love,
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