

Obedient to the vision...

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Acts 26:19-20

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, **I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:**
20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. KJV

Acts 26:19 ... I couldn't just walk away from a vision like that! I became an obedient believer on the spot. THE MESSAGE

Notes

Gen 13:14-17

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, **Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art** northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:
15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.
16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.
17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. KJV

Gen 13:14 ...Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art...

Gen 13:14 Look as far as you can see in every direction... TLB

Gen 13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it,... KJV

“A vision without a task is nothing but a dream! A task without a vision is drudgery!!!

BUT A VISION COUPLED WITH A TASK IS THE HOPE FOR THE WORLD!!!”

Gen 13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; **for I will give it unto thee.** KJV

The clearer the vision is the more powerful the magnet.

Vision gives us a sense of destiny – a sense of purpose.

If you have a positive vision, then you have a positive future. Therefore, if you have no vision, you have no future.

A person without a vision will return to their past.

Moses and the Israelites left the land of bondage and set out for the promised land. **Moses grabbed hold of a vision – to lead the people into a new land.**

What happened when Moses went up the mountain to meet with God?

They had left the land of Egypt. But a people without a vision, will always return to their past. They began to worship this golden calf – an idol.

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Why? Because with Moses gone, they had no vision – they had no future.

They were just following Moses. Moses was the man with the plan.

God was providing food for them every day, miraculously. They complained.

"When we were in Egypt, we ate a whole lot better than this. We ate melons, we ate cucumbers, we ate good – we were better off in Egypt."

When you lose your future, by losing your vision, you begin to THINK you were better off before God got a hold of your life.

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*Does your vision keep you looking back????
Or does it keep you going forward???*

It will effect your future...

Num 13:25 *And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.* KJV

2 came back with a positive report – they were men of vision.

Num 13:27-28, 30

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. KJV

10 came back with a negative report - they had no vision.

Num 13:31-32

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. KJV

THEN THEY SAID; Num 13:33-14:1

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. 14:1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. KJV

THOSE WITH NO VISION SAID;

Num 14:2-4

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. KJV

NO VISION, they wanted to go back to how it used to be or go where they came from.

When God gives you a vision it is never easy. God was trying to teach them a lesson.

The lesson was, "*With my help, you can defeat those giants.*" But most of them, didn't even want to even try.

Those with vision, saw the giants as an opportunity for God to prove His strength. It all deals with your vision and attitude.

When you see giants in the land – the promised land – all that tells you that in order to live in that land, you must become a giant.

What scared them the most is not the giant – but they were **scared of what they had to become**, in order to get what they wanted.

What must you do to capture your vision?

1 - You must place your security in the eternal, not the temporal.

2 Cor 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. KJV

2 Cor 4:18 Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting. AMP

JUDAS

Judas is an example of someone who placed his security in the temporal. He betrayed Jesus.

When you see things in the temporal, that's man's vision. When you see things in the eternal, that's God's vision.

Why did Judas do this?

A person without a vision will always return to his past.
Judas saw Jesus as his source of income, and then Jesus is talking about dying, he realizes that his future is at stake.

Judas had to secure his financial future. And when his future was threatened, he reverted fully to his past.

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Why? **JUDAS JUST SAW THE TEMPORAL AND NOT THE ETERNAL**... He had no vision...

Enemy's tactic: If he can put your vision to death, then he can put your spiritual life to death.

Notes

#2 - You must make a break with the past, and a covenant with the future.

SIMON PETER

Peter is faced with the realization that Jesus was going to die. How would he react? They took Jesus away and they asked Peter, "*Aren't you a follower of Jesus?*" **NO. I DO NOT KNOW HIM...**

What happened to Peter – now that Christ was crucified?

John 21:3 *Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. KJV*

Peter was losing his vision, and he went back to fishing . . . and he took his buddies with him. He found company in misery...

John 21:4 *But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. KJV*

Why did they not recognize Jesus? They were not looking for him.

John 21:5 *Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. KJV*

Jesus knew that they didn't have any fish. Like when God asked Adam, "Where are you?" God knew where Adam was. God just wanted Adam to realize where he was.

John 21:7 *...when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. KJV*

Peter made a decision to make a break with his past and a covenant with his future.

YOU MUST STAY OBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION!!!