

DOMINION INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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VISION

HABBAKUK 2:1-2

It's hard for people to invest in an ambiguous vision! People have a difficult time running along side of leadership with gifts, talents and resources, and the vision isn't even clear to them. Sometimes senior leaders will say we don't have any help or no one will support me. The truth is support doesn't happen until the vision becomes clear and plain. No one can possess a thing if they don't understand the plan, system and goals.

That's why Solomon said, "In all our getting, get an understanding." There's a they out there waiting for clarity so they can run with the vision! There will be people who will exit our life and enter our life at Dominion. But understand, we're not really losing people, God is just revealing those who won't stay till the end. God has Dominion on a journey and everyone won't make it.

In this text, Habbakuk had complaints because God was using the Babylonians to cultivate His people.

"Make It Plain and Run"

When the vision is made plain, it demands running! People won't run if they don't know where they're headed. When the vision becomes clear, the They will show up. Clarity is one of the biggest barriers to vision. Make it plain so it can be retained.

Proverbs 29:18 reads, "***Where there is no vision, the people perish***" or (cast off restraint). Where there is no vision, the people run wild. Show me a ministry that lets everything go, and I'll show you a ministry where no one sees anything. Vision won't let you do whatever you want. Myles Monroe said, '*Where there's vision, abuse is inevitable*'. Abnormal use no restraint.

One of the biggest barriers to clarity is people who have trauma. Trauma will keep you from catching the vision.

"Weight and Sin Hebrews 12:1-2"

The vision demands running! When you run a race, there are two things it says you must lay aside:

1. Weight
2. Sin

Every weight is not sin, but every sin is weight. People and relationships are our biggest weights. Our next dimension and elevation in ministry won't be because of the people who'll stay. It'll be because of the people who'll leave. It won't be because of what we'll say yes to, it'll be because of what we'll say no to! Lay aside every weight.

I invested in people at a high level, and to see them leave so easily, I took it personally. But I learned later that very few would go the distance. Jesus poured into 12 disciples, and when it came to the cross, they all left Him. So, when people want to leave, let them leave gracefully. (Read 1 John 2:19)

“Can You Adapt to Change” **Luke 7:19-23**

I spent 48 years in ministry adapting. Moving from one season to another. New cities, regions, from large churches to small churches; from being a lone ranger, to teams and staff; different generations and social media.

In Luke 7:1, John the Baptist was the man baptizing people. Then Jesus comes on the scene, and John exposed Him to His earthly ministry. Then God confirmed Him from Heaven. John is in prison. Jesus now has the crowds, and he questioned if He's the real Messiah. Jesus wasn't about to change just because John has questions. John didn't believe his own prophecy. When his prophecy comes to pass, he gets offended because he feels left out. John wanted it to be like it used to be.

When your seasons are changing, you have to learn how to adapt. You have to be fluid, not rigid. (Read Luke 7:22-23)

“When the Vision Tarries”

We have to prepare for vision, even when we see years of nothing! This is how vision works: Nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing; then BOOM! We have to Preach, Teach, Pray, Worship, Give, Evangelize and Believe; even when no one else does! Because there is a suddenly that will come! Though it tarries; wait for it!

Wait is Preparation time, but it also means wait, as in ambush. Be prepared for it when it comes. In Hebrews 12, Jesus kept the vision before Him until He reached the cross. At the end, the vision will speak. When the vision has been written down and accomplished, we won't have to talk about it anymore because it will talk for us.

“Visionaries – We Are Citizens” **Ephesians 2:19-21**

We are not outsiders having to beg God for stuff! We have rights as a Kingdom citizen and members of the household of God. Our house is a habitation; a place for God to live! God wants

to take our house and fit it such a way where He can live and govern our lives. God doesn't want a house where He can only visit. I don't want to come to church and pray that we have a great visitation from God today! That's the wrong verbiage. God doesn't want to visit anything. He's standing at the door, knocking to come in and live. (Read Revelation 3:20)

When the people got out of Egypt, God said, "*Build me a Tabernacle.*" Why? Because He wanted to live with them as soon as He could. Today, too many people are building houses for man because we want to make ourselves comfortable, and we don't even recognize that God has left the building! (Read Judges 16:20)

What a tragic verse. God is only going to live in His house! His church. When God is in His house, no marketing campaign is needed because anything can happen when God is living in His House!

Let's make this Vision come alive and come to pass!