

# Sermon Notes from Greg Morrow 4-26-09

## RUN WITH THE VISION

### SCRIPTURE TEXT

Genesis 13:14-15 "The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and your descendants forever.

### INTRODUCTION

In the story of Abraham we learn about God

- God is a visionary
- God desires to fill His people with vision
- God's vision is often far greater than ours

We don't know what kind of Vision Abraham had for his life, but without a doubt God's was greater

- God's Vision for Abram was to impact eternity.
- That is a problem for us as believers today
- God has always desired that His people would see the vision that He has for their lives

Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Deep within the human heart is a desire to do something significant in this life

*People are looking for the ultimate challenge—an adventure that gives purpose and meaning to life in a time when luxury has not been the handmaiden of happiness we thought it would be. We crave a challenge worth dying for.*

—Tommy Barnett

There are four steps to walking in the vision of God

### Capturing the Vision

The world is full of people with vision

The Bible says that one who pursues their own vision for their life and does not capture God's vision is a fool

Fool; One destitute of reason, a simpleton; a silly person, a buffoon.

Luke 12:16-21

And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.

"And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

"Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

"So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Its very important that we capture God's Vision for our lives....

*My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side. — Abraham Lincoln*

The writer of Hebrews said in Hebrews 12:1 "let us run with endurance the race set before us"

We Capture the Vision God has for us through Fellowshiping with God and Consecrating ourselves to Him.

## Clarify the Vision

Habakkuk 2:2

Then the LORD answered me, "Write the vision. Make it clear on tablets so that anyone can read it quickly"

You may have captured a vision from God but if there is no clear plan of how to accomplish that vision it will never be realized.

Only 3% of Americans have written goals.

God will direct our steps...

Ps 37:23 -

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.

## Contend for the Vision

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you *contend earnestly* for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

We must contend for our God-given vision because there are many things that will stop us if we let them.

PEOPLE

The pastor of a church decided that God was calling the church to a new vision. So at the deacons' meeting, he presented the new vision with as much conviction and passion as he could muster. When he finished, the deacon chairman called for a vote. All 12 deacons voted against the new vision, with only the pastor voting for it.

"Well, pastor, it looks like you'll have to rethink your vision," the deacon chairman said. "Would you like to close the meeting in prayer?"

The pastor raised his hands to heaven and prayed, "Lord! Please show these people that it's not MY vision but it's YOUR vision!"

At that very moment, the clouds darkened and a bolt of lightning shot through the window, splitting the table in two. The deacons were all knocked out of their chairs as the pastor remained standing untouched.

As the deacons dusted themselves off, the chairman said, "Well, that's twelve votes to two now."

TIME

The passing of time will cause us to give up on the vision if we let it

## CONSIDER

There are real lives at the end of God's vision for your life

The eternities of many are to be the fruit of your vision

## CONCLUSION

Commit to walk in the vision of God for your life