

God's vision takes courage part 2 / Sermon Outline / June 21, 2015

1. *Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* What do these verses tell us about God? What does this tell about us and what does this tell us about what we should focus on?

2. Last week we started talking about vision. Review building blocks #1 and #2

#1 – A vision begins as a c_____ – Nehemiah...the walls and gates were down.

#2 – A vision does not necessarily require immediate a_____. Nehemiah had to wait and pray this through for four months before the vision and he was mature enough to go before the King. Why does prayer play such an important role? What would have happened if Nehemiah had not spent much time in prayer?

3. Nehemiah did two things to prepare for the time when God would lead Him to pursue his vision. He P _____ and He _____.

4. **This is Building Block #3 – Pray for o_____ and plan as if you expect God to answer your p_____.**

5. **Building Block #4 – God is using your c_____ to position and prepare you to accomplish His vision for your life.**

6. The “w_____” of the vision, always precedes the “h_____.” You will always know what God has put in your heart to do, long before you know how He intends to bring it about.

7. **Building block #5 – What God o_____, He orchestrates.**

8. When God puts something in your heart to do, He goes to work behind the scenes to ensure that it happens. Why is that? _____

9. **Building block # 6 was. W_____ before you talk; investigate before you initiate.**

10. **Building block #7 – C_____ your vision as a solution to a problem that must be addressed immediately.**

11. **Building Block #8 – Cast your vision to the appropriate people at the a_____ t_____.**

12. Just as Christ, our forerunner, received great reward for finishing the race before him and now sits enthroned by God, exalted to a place of highest honor, Christians will also share his reward when they finish the race set before them (see Luke 22:28–30). So, like Christ, we should persevere in times of suffering, never taking our eyes off of Jesus.

13. What is God telling you in the message today as a person and as a church? Why is following God's vision so important?
