

GOD'S VISION TAKES COURAGE / Sermon Outline / 6-14-2015

1. It says in Galatians 4:4-5 *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.* What do these verses say about God? What do these verses say about you?

2. Vision gives significance to the otherwise meaningless details of our lives. Why is that?

3. *Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* What do this verse have to do with God's vision for you? Why do our lives sometimes look like refrigerator art?

4. Vision also carries with it a sense of c_____.

5. Vision demands c_____ and always requires someone to champion the cause.

6. **Building Block #1 – A vision begins as a c_____**

7. **Building Block #2 – A vision does not necessarily require immediate a_____.**

8. Just as a vision must be God ordained, it must also be done according to God's timetable. *Philippians 2:13-14 says "For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him. In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing."* Why is this so important?

9. Not only does the vision need to mature, and we need to mature to be prepared for the vision, but God is also working behind the scenes to prepare the way. This is why it is so important to wait on his t_____. Describe a situation where you had to wait on God's timing.

10. Remember that the vision God has for our life is only a small piece of the entire puzzle. God's vision for your life is much bigger than you. Apart from his intervention and preparation, you and I are incapable of pulling off even our small part of the operation. How does this make you feel to be part of God larger plan in the world?

11. Time for Reflection

a. If it is God who is giving you a v_____ of what could and should be, over time you will begin to sense that not to follow through with it would be an act of disobedience. As the burden in your heart grows, you feel compelled to take action. Your only alternative to following through is to say "No! I refuse to move in that direction!"

b. A God ordained vision will be in line with what God is up to in the w_____. There will always be a correlation between what God has put in an individual's heart to do and what

c. *John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-- and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

12. What is the Lord telling you in the message today?
