

Too Comfortable?

“When my comfort conflicts with God’s challenges”

Luke 4:1-14

“Jesus was led by the Holy spirit into the wilderness”...

“Jesus returned with the Spirit’s power.”

Because He took the time with the Father to listen...He had VISION.

- Knew WHO He was...
- Knew WHERE His power came from.
- Knew WHAT He was to do.
- Knew WHY He was to do it.
- Knew WHEN He was to do it.

Topic for this week: Having VISION CLARITY is essential.
(Romans 8:28, II Timothy 1:9)

Jeremiah 1:5 - *“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart...”*

Definition of Vision:

An accurate picture of what could be. Vision is WHO I’m becoming in Christ.

Matthew 6:32-33

“These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

I. Benefits of Vision:

- A. Passion - For what’s to come.
- B. Direction - Gives me distinct course to walk today.
 1. Gives me a focus to keep my eyes fixed upon.
 2. Limits my choices...each step is a choice FOR something.
 3. Can identify distractions more easily.

- C. **Motivation** - To be disciplined in what feels mundane or difficult.
 - 1. In a sea of GOOD things...I'm trading my TIME and EFFORTS FOR the GREAT, ESSENTIAL thing.
 - 2. **Matthew 26:39** - Jesus was motivated through His most difficult challenge.
- D. **Purpose** - Gives me reason to get up, show up and be PRESENT for life!
- E. **Courage**
 - 1. To step into...God-given opportunities.
 - 2. To step out of...opportunities distracting me from my God-given VISION.

II. Vision clarity:

<p>A. Who do I want to be?</p> <p>1. In a universe of options, let's start with these – Galatians 5:22 <i>“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”</i></p>	
<p>B. What is God calling out of me?</p> <p>1. I don't know everything . . . but what DO I know?</p> <p>2. Am I open to hearing God?</p> <p>3. Do I believe in the miraculous?</p>	
<p>C. Who do I see the fingerprints of God on?</p> <p>1. Where do I see Christ in them?</p> <p>2. What parts of their life do I admire and why?</p> <p>3. What character qualities do I see in them that I long to see in my life?</p>	

III. Choices that set me up for success: Putting ourselves in God's path

- A. **ChairTime**...DO IT! (15 minutes a day 3-5 times a week)
- B. Be **present** as the church.
- C. Join a **Life** Group.