

Too Comfortable?

When my comfort conflicts with God's challenges

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Topic for today: Having VISION CLARITY is essential.
Romans 8:29 - "...For God knew his people..., and he chose them to become like his Son..."

Definition of Vision: A clear picture of what could be. Vision is WHO I'm becoming in Christ.

Vision clarity:

1. **Who do I want to be?**
 - a. In a universe of options, let's start with these - Galatians 5:22 "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control."
 - b. Lenses - husband/wife, part of this church, son/daughter, friendship, coworker.
2. **What is God calling out of me?**
 - a. I don't know everything...but what DO I know?
 - b. Am I open to hearing God?
 - c. Do I believe in the miraculous?
3. **Who do I see the fingerprints of God on?**
 - a. Where do I see Christ in them?
 - b. What parts of their life do I admire and why?
 - c. What character qualities do I see in them that I long to see in my life?

Paul describes this process to the church at Corinth in his first letter.

II Corinthians 3:16-4:18

BECOMING means:

1. **Having a clear picture of what could be.**
 - a. KNOWING who I'm becoming in Christ. (*I won't know everything, but what do I know?*)
2. **Deciding to move forward.**
3. **Determining a course.**
 - a. I could do a lot of things...what will I do? Where will I start?
 - b. The bending of my will to His. Matthew 16:24-25

3 DOORS to help sort out what's next:

<p>1. OPEN DOOR - What opens the door to live God's vision today?</p> <p>a. What do I need to start or do?</p> <p>b. Where am I resisting God's "YES"?</p>	
<p>2. CLOSED DOOR - What closes the door to living God's vision today?</p> <p>a. What do I need to stop?</p> <p>b. Where am I resisting God's "No"?</p>	
<p>3. WAITING ROOM DOOR - What needs to be in the waiting room?</p> <p>a. It's not first . . . but it's coming.</p>	
<p>4. WHO will help you? (Who might I ask?)</p>	

4. Movement (Next steps)

- a.
- b.
- c.

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

1. ChairTime...DO IT! (15 minutes a day, 3-5 times a week)
2. Be present as the church.
3. Join a Life Group.