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(the message bible)

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves: but when they attend to what he reveals they are most blessed.”
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Your Guide for Discovering and Maintaining Personal Vision

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What is vision?

Where does vision come from?
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A Vision is born in the soul of a man or woman who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be. Anyone who is emotionally involved, frustrated, brokenhearted, maybe even angry, about the way things are, in light of the way they believe things could be, is a candidate for vision. Vision forms in the hearts of those who are dissatisfied with the status quo.
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However, vision is more than simply what could be. After all, what could be is simply an idea or a dream. Vision also carries with it a sense of conviction. It’s not only what could be done, but what should be done. It’s something that must happen. It moves you from passive concern to action. Conviction is what gives vision a sense of urgency.
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Vision always stands in contrast to the world as it is. Vision demands change. But a vision also always requires someone to champion the cause. It takes someone who is willing to put his or her neck on the line. Someone who has the courage to act on an idea.
Nehemiah 1: 1 – 4

1 These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes’ reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.
They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.
Building Blocks for Clear Vision in 2020!
Building Block #1 –

A vision begins as a concern
What could be and should be can’t be until God is ready for it to be. So he waited.
Habakkuk 2:2-3: “Then the Lord said to me, “write my answer in large, clear letters, on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. But these things won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”
Building Block #2 –

A vision does not necessarily require immediate action.
A vision rarely requires immediate action. But it always requires patience.
While not every good idea is vision material, every vision begins as an idea.

Not all burdens are vision material, but every vision begins as a burden.
Just as you cannot rush the development of a child in the womb, you cannot rush the development of a vision. God determines the schedule for both.
As we wait, not only does the vision mature, but we also mature and become ready for the vision. Many times the tendency is to assume that since I know what I am to do, I’m ready to do it. But God has to grow us into our vision. 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.”
Can you relate? Do you wake up every day to circumstances that seem to have nothing to do with the vision you sense God is developing in you?
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Then you are in good company. Joseph reviewed his vision from an Egyptian dungeon. Moses spent years following sheep. David, the teenage king, spent years hiding in caves. And Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king whose ancestors had destroyed the very city he longed to rebuild. Be encouraged. God has you where He has you for a reason.
Isaiah 40:28-31 (NKJV)

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the LORD….. Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.
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