

Vision

I Live the Journey, Part 4

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I LIVE THE JOURNEY: People are moved when they are gripped by a vision — changes stuff... (in other words "We GET what we GAZE at.")

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

John 4:35

VISION IS ABOUT ME

(Starts here — can't / shouldn't stay here)

• By faith I'm willing to <u>believe what God says</u> and say <u>NO</u> to the <u>voices in my head</u>, from my past and even from the <u>devil</u>.

¹⁶ So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:16-17

VISION IS ABOUT GOD (a.k.a. Reality)

- ✓ God soaked <u>vision of reality</u>
- ✓ God is able
- ✓ God's **grace** is POWERFUL and sufficient

** ALL IS NOT WELL: People are <u>NOT O.K. without God!!!!!</u> They really need him, they need connection with Him, the exile and estrangement is over — living in that is the key to everything else.

¹⁷ if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17–19

VISION IS ABOUT PEOPLE

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

ILTJ — we need to <u>see through</u> surface things to get to what it's actually about.

[which is <u>US</u> & <u>God</u>, and <u>People</u>]

BECOMING A VISIONARY

- 1. IMAGINE
- 2. <u>INSIST</u> on truth and reality in your head
- 3. <u>INVITE</u> see God inviting you to <u>believe</u> Him <u>enough</u> to <u>step in!</u>



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