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Visions #5 - Write It Down

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The following foundation scriptures are teaching on visions, the importance of visions and what our responsibilities are in regards to the visions or dreams which we have from the Lord, however, we must have discipline in our lives.

Pro 29:18 "Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint, but happy are those who keep the law." RSV

Pro 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people *perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." KJV

*perish means to pass to an inferior condition, just passing through life with no purpose, no dreams, no reason to live, just here.

Hab 2:2-4 "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." KJV

We have learned that Habakkuk was seeking God regarding the children of Israel, why things were not going well with them, the Lord gave this answer to Habakkuk.

v. 2 - Gods way was to write down the vision

The importance of writing down the vision is so that we won't forget it, try to look at what has been written down everyday, it is a word from God, it will become something that will solidify on the inside of us. Consider making a vision board with pictures that will make the vision even more real. Statistics tell us that we need to hear information sixteen times before it takes root in us, that is why there is a need for repetitive hearing so that it will become a reality.

v. 3 - the vision is for an appointed time

Occasionally in the natural we will have appointments that need to be kept, but it is our choice as to whether we keep those appointments. After God has given you the vision or dream, we hold the key as to whether we keep the appointment. God cannot lie so as we view the vision board it keeps us reminded and we know that it will come to pass at the appointed time. It gets down on the inside of us and as it gets inside it becomes more real than the storms that raging on the outside, the

circumstances begin to change. This is the importance of writing down the vision or dream.

In reviewing the previous chapters in Genesis we have learned about the promises God has made to Abraham, about his seed being as the stars in heaven or the dust of the earth, innumerable to count. In this scripture we find that God had told Abraham to go into another country, leaving his kindred behind, but out of disobedience he took his nephew Lot with him. Abraham and Lot became quite wealthy with flocks, herds and tents until the land where they were was unable to take care of them and consequently there became strife between them. Abraham gave Lot the choice of choosing a different area to live in. Lot chose the land that was well watered and was like a garden.

Abraham took the land in Canaan, God showed him all the land as far as he could see and told him that He would give it to him for his seed that would follow him. Abraham remembered the promise and could see the stars and the dust as a reminder of that promise.

Gen 13:5-16 "And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.. 13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. 14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered." KJV

God has declared the end from the beginning, even though Abraham did not have a son yet, God declared that the promise would be fulfilled, there was an appointed time, the promise would not tarry. A review of Genesis chapter fifteen, reminds us of what God had spoken to Abraham regarding the innumerable stars and the heirs that he would have.

Isa 46:10 "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" KJV

Rom 4:17 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he

believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." KJV

God has spoken to many believers in time past regarding their vision or dream, He has told them how it would turn out but because they didn't know how to handle the time of waiting or the appointed time and because they didn't write it down, they even forget what God had said to them, they begin to question whether it was from God. In order for us to have that appointed time and success in our lives, there must be discipline, we must have a daily routine, walking out the vision, stay focused, staying in faith and God centered. God is big enough to offset any weakness that we might have.

These scriptures tell of how God was able to bless Jacob, he had been mistreated by Laban, had worked many years for nothing but now God is getting ready to bless him as he is leaving to go back to his own country. There was a large amount of flocks that he would be given to care for and during the time that the herds began to conceive, Jacob had seen in a dream what the outcome would be, he would be receiving all those who were not purebred. God had seen how he had been mistreated over the years, but was blessing him now. Jacob did not question God, but accepted Gods word that he was going to receive the promise of the dream that he had seen.

Gen 31:9-12 "Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. 10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled. 11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee." KJV

In the pursuit of keeping our appointment or the fulfillment of our dream here on the earth, we will have storms of life or adversities blowing against us, saying that "it is never going to work" but God says that it will work, you have an appointment, you need to lift up your eyes and see beyond the adversity and close your ears to what the adversary is saying, God says it will work. Staying focused, write down the vision, keep it before our eyes, looking beyond what is now, seeing clearly and accurately what God has spoken. What we see on the inside is our future. The importance of meditating the word, will keep us focused on the good, but when the adversary comes we may tend to focus on the bad, forgetting about the good.

Psa 1:2-3 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and *night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." KJV

*night is not just darkness but is also adversity around us

We must be convinced that God is good, God is reaching toward us, He is not

finished blessing us, He is wanting to continually bless us. When what we are seeing on the inside is greater than adversity or opposition, it is just a matter of time until it becomes reality. Have you written your vision down? The vision is a road map to us and we don't want to forget it. Wait for it, it will surely come to pass.