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## Framing Your World - Vision #8

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(The service began with Pastor Margaret telling the story about how Victory Center came about because of the persistent prayers of a local lady in the church and Pastor taking the offering and teaching on the scriptures in Deutronomy.)

Our world is framed with the words that we speak and as we hear the testimony regarding the lady who had prayed for a church to be built here, that would preach and teach the Word of God, we have truly realized that because of those words that she spoke those many years ago, that we now see the vision that she was believing for starting to take place. We have been learning the importance of not only speaking the word, but writing down what we have received from God because there is an appointed time for it to come to pass.

We know that God has a plan for each of us, but first He will prove us by blessing us to see what is really in our hearts. In the book of Deutronomy there is a full account of what He has intended to do for His people, His plan was to multiply the resources that He has blessed them with, but He was the one giving them the power to get wealth.

Deut 8:12-18 "Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; 16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; 17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." KJV

God gives us the power to get the wealth by giving us ideas or dreams regarding our future and how those ideas can become realities. There are a lot of church people

who do not believe that it is God's plan for believers to have prosperity.

Writing down the dreams or visions that God has given to us will enable us to remember and not forget what He has said. Habakkuk was told to do this, in order for the people of Israel who had forgotten what they had been told about restoring the temple.

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

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

We heard a short testimony of a man who had been told by a teacher early in his life after writing on a paper he desired to be on television when he grew up, she was against what he had said and rebuked him for his choice because of his stuttering. After going home and hearing what his mother and father had to say, his father gave him wise counsel, told him to write down on paper what his desire for his future was, put it into his drawer and every day take it out and look at it and read what was said. His father had told him what was a principle for success and that if it was written down, it could be envisioned and anything you can see in your mind and hold in your hand it would come at the appointed time. In the meantime, give the teacher a paper that would please her and not cause any further problems at school. He began to "frame his future" with the words that he spoke, that he would be able to speak and would make something of his life that all would acknowledge and see that he had overcome the negative words that had been spoken over him. He went ahead to tell how as his career had grown and he had prospered, that each year at Christmas he would send this teacher a new television so that she could watch and see what he had become, since he had his own television show. He had framed his words for the future and the key was that he had made a choice.

Most believers, around 90% do not write down their dreams and visions, but those that do around 10% , 80% of them have success. We have an appointment with God in bringing those dreams to pass. It is a choice that we have to make.

The following scriptures tell us what can be accomplished when all are in unity and have the same mindset regarding what they are doing.

Gen 11:6 "And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." KJV

Words are powerful whether they are corporate or individually, when we begin to say the same thing it will come to pass.

2 Cor 4:13 "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;" KJV

There are two strong voices wanting our voice or our words. The kingdom of God side, where God is wanting faith filled words, but on the kingdom of darkness are the words of doubt and unbelief. These two forces are at work continually wanting us to speak the wrong words, doubt and unbelief, or speak words of faith and overcoming. The forces of darkness causes circumstances to be arrayed against us to make it appear that the vision will never come to pass and wants us to confess with our words that nothing is going to happen. That is a trick of the adversary, it is coming from the wisdom of darkness.

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God is not going to look at things that are going on right now, God is interested in the outcome, God calls things that are not as though they are, right at the beginning. He has called us more than conquerors, that is the outcome, the end result, it may look as though we can't do anything according to the enemy, but God says that is not so.

It is important that we should be framing our future world with the words of our mouth. We should be saying what it is we are believing God for.

The children of Israel had been back from Babylon for a number of years, but nothing was happening in Jerusalem in regards to restoring the temple, they were more interested in getting their homes repaired and their lands restored , they were not doing what needed to be done and God said that this was the reason that they were not prospering. They had failed to get their priorities in order because they had forgotten God. The foundation of the temple had been laid earlier, but nothing had been done. The people questioned where the money was coming from as they could not see how it could be restored since they had not been blessed. God assured them that He was with them and would provide what would be needed. Provision always follows vision.

Hag 2:3-9 "Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. 9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of

hosts." KJV

When we get ready to do something for God, we must be strong not only physically but in faith and trust. We will see the glory where it looks like there is none, our vision will come to pass. We will speak the outcome declaring the end from the beginning.