



# KINGDOM VISION

PART 20

The Single-Eyed Believer (cont'd)

**VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING** IN YOUR FATHER'S FIELD

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*“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 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.” (Habakkuk 2:2-3 KJV)*

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*“These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.” (Genesis 37:2 KJV)*

*“For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.” (Psalm 36:9 KJV)*

The psalmist reminds us in Psalm 36:9 (quoted above) that God is the fountain of life and that it is His light that provides direction for our vision. If you have no vision or you are yet to discover your purpose, you are just existing—yet to start really living. As Solomon said,

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Proverbs 19:18)*

Where there's no vision, people simply perish! That was true of Samson; when he lost his vision (first spiritually, and then physically), he died in the process. It is very important to secure your vision and not let it slip out of your hand. There are people who made history in life simply by pursuing their heart's desire as dictated by their physical vision. Indeed, we need vision—physical and, much more, metaphysical—for us to hold our destiny with both hands.

Jesus took interest in a man, stood in the middle of the road and asked His disciples to bring the man to Him; why? The man would not stop yelling the desire of his heart at the top of his voice—that he can regain his vision. We call him the 'blind Bartimaeus.' Let's look at the story from Mark 10:46-52 . . .

*“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.”*

Fighting for your vision is one of the most important fights you should engage in if you want to enjoy life. In the same vein, serving in the master's field is the birthing place of a long-lasting vision. In Bartimeus' case study, when he heard that the One Who gives vision both physically and spiritually is passing by, he cried the more until Jesus noticed him. And of course, this simple act changed his life and destiny forever—from being a beggar to gaining independence and moving on with his life. One important lesson from this case study is found in verse 50, **“And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.”** He had to get rid of some things!

In other words, in discovering your vision—even from the Master's field—there could be some obstacles that would delay you from reaching your full potential. Bartimeus had to cast away his garment and arose before he came to Jesus and received his sight. Beloved, what's the garment that could delay you from pursuing your purpose? Could it be procrastination, tardiness, laziness, lack of discipline or a specific sin? If you do not take care of these little foxes, they can spoil things—even on the Master's field.

Lastly, take note of the last verse in that chapter, verse 52 —

*“And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.”*

Jesus did not tell Bartimeus, after restoring his sight (or vision) to go and start living as he pleases. No; Bartimeus got a boost in faith that will always deliver for him, and so HE FOLLOWED JESUS IN THE WAY. He knew that it is on the Master's field that his true vision will mature and find full fulfillment. The prophecy of prophet Hosea can help us put this in perspective, viz:

*“Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” (Hosea 6:3)*

If we take our time and work on the Master's field, we get a deeper knowledge and clarity of our vision as we FOLLOW ON TO KNOW THE LORD. Consequently, He will begin to reveal His path to us until we find ourselves being carried onwards by the deluge of His appearance enjoying the harvest of two seasons in one—the former and the latter rain. If you want to be fulfilled in your vision, please tarry on the Master's field aiming to mature unto the FULL STATURE of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Let's continue to see how Gideon encountered God while serving on the master's field—a prerequisite to fully discovering our purpose in life! I hope to wrap this up in this episode or the next, God willing. Afterwards, we will go on to explore the life of King Saul for our further understanding of the value of our preparation on the Master's field.

### **GIDEON'S ENCOUNTER (continued)**

Gideon encountered God in a big way and we have explored about ten of those encounters, viz:

1. Gideon had a divine visitation—he was visited by an angel.
2. Gideon's designation changed forever. He became 'a mighty man of valor.'
3. Gideon was not playing around; he was able to let the angel know that he knew this day would come.
4. The Lord LOOKED upon him and was very pleased with everything He saw in this young man.
5. When you follow the divine order of events in your life, beginning with your faithful service in the vineyard, you go from being the LEAST in your generation to becoming the GREATEST in the eyes of many.
6. The Lord promised this inexperienced young man HIS PRESENCE
7. Gideon became empowered with divine authority.
8. Gideon mastered the art of giving while he was on the master's field.
9. Gideon encountered God in a strange way through his giving.
10. Gideon built an altar there to the LORD.

Gideon was able to develop his full potential and command result at will—just as we all desire. So let us look at Gideon's life for more lessons and learn from his encounters while pursuing God.

*“And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.”  
(Judges 6:25-26 KJV)*

11. Gideon's encounter with the Lord of vision extended to his family. The Lord began to deal with the issues in his family—issues that needed to be dealt with in order for him to go far in life with his purpose and vision. There are many people with a genuine vision and purpose who still do not amount to anything in life because of issues in their family which were never addressed till it began to limit their potential. Gideon's time on the Master's field allowed God to address the other god in the family worshiped on the altar of Baal. Indeed, the vision received on the Master's field begins to yield dividends within one's household first. Watch it carefully; if your vision doesn't bless your family first, it will hardly benefit anyone out there.

Jesus is the second Adam that perfected our journey in the Kingdom and emboldened our vision. We could see a shadow of his ultimate sacrifice that secured the eternal redemption of all believers in Gideon's sacrifice of the seven-year-old second bullock (seven is a significant number in the scriptures, often symbolizing perfection).

*“Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.”*  
(Judges 6:27 KJV)

12. As a result of his encounter with God, Gideon was able to redirect his assets. He was able to summon his servants to follow the new direction. The truth is that if your vision doesn't affect other people within your arena, you will never be able to influence your community. God's encounter will help you build the team needed for your future, without which you may not be able to fulfill your purpose—even if you have all the anointing you need. Your ordained team will weather any storm with you; they will encourage you to attempt things that will catapult you into the fullness of God.

*“And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.”*  
(Judges 6:28-30 KJV)

13. If you don't conquer internal opposition, you will never be able to overcome external opposition. God will test the vision He is giving you and your capacity to actualise it by sending you inner battle; if you cannot withstand the internal pressure, you will likely be unable to withstand the heat when the furnace is turned up on you. Joseph experienced internal battle; so did David—even to the extent that he was almost forgotten when his destiny came calling. This is the blueprint for a successful vision! If you go back to the men and women that we read about in the Bible as heroes of our faith, they all had to fight for it. Every inner pressure or battle you are facing right now might just be a sign that you are on the right path to destiny fulfillment.

#### CALL TO ACTION

- Is your vision clear enough?
- Are you able to hear Jesus calling you to fix your vision?
- Are you able to remove all the obstacles in your way?
- Have you encountered the second bullock?
- Are you able to build a team that will help your vision in the long run?
- Are you encountering any inner battle or pressure?
- Are you ready for your future?

#### PONDER THIS: “AS SILVER TRIED . . . SEVEN TIMES”

*“The words of the LORD are pure words: As silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”* (Psalm 12:6 KJV)

Apart from the fact that God's word is perfect, it is also tried in the “FURNACE OF THE EARTH” seven times! It is the inner pressure that brings the beauty of your vision to light. Please don't shy away from it. Shalom.

#### PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, let my immediate family begin to benefit from Your light shining through my life in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, grant me the victory over every inner (and external) battle to the praise of Your name in the name of Jesus.

PS: Reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom in your area. God bless you as you do so.