



KINGDOM VISION

PART 27

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)

THE COAT OF MANY COLORS

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.” (Genesis 37:3 KJV)

GOD'S CHOICE IS BASED ON OUR COMMITMENT

Looking at the third verse of Genesis 37, it may look like Jacob was playing favoritism amongst his children. However, I can submit to you that he was not. The show of affection towards Joseph was because of his performance in his father's business. In this series, we have spent much time on the importance of staying with the father willfully, not grudgingly. We have to work in the vineyard with utmost delight. Let us look at some scriptures that shed more light on the father's mindset regarding our vision and life's purpose, both of which shape our destiny.

— Romans 2:11 says: *“for there is no respect of persons with God.”* In other words, God operates on a level field. He does not respect your color, background, affluence, wealth, or any other criterion that humans may take into consideration. There's no affirmative action when it comes to vision development and fulfillment.

— Genesis 37:3 says: *“Jacob loved Joseph because he was the son of his old age . . .”* This is an interesting phrase that caught my attention because, if old age were, indeed, the major criterion, then Benjamin should be loved even more than Joseph, but it was never mentioned that Jacob loved Benjamin more than Joseph.

— Romans 10:12 reveals to us a major condition for our acceptance of our life's purpose: *“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”*

Let us explore the relationship dynamics between Jesus and His disciples. There was an apostle amongst them called John the beloved; he was fond of Jesus and spent more time with Him. There was another disciple who was radical and could take any risk for Jesus; his name was Peter. When Jesus was leaving the earth and committed the ministry and the furtherance of the gospel to His disciples, one could have thought that He would have chosen John the Beloved to be in charge, but that was not the case. Of course, many other factors may be at play in Jesus' choice, but an obvious one is that God chooses us for certain assignments based on our previous and ongoing unapologetic commitment and resolve—our ability to dare any circumstance that might stand in the way.

We may recall how Jesus turned to Peter three times—not to John the beloved. The story goes thus:

“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.” (John 12:15-17)

The point being made here is that Peter has shown Jesus while He was with them that he could have a bigger vision. He saw beyond the miracles; he knew that the work of redemption was beginning after the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus took note when He asked the disciples about who men thought He was; it was only Peter that gave the right answer. Jesus knew that Peter was operating with a peculiar keenness among his co-disciples. He had a

relationship with God and was above the flesh-and-blood realm; those are the kind of people God is looking for to gift with the COAT OF MANY COLORS.

Peter identified those people in Acts 10:34-35:

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”

Thus, Peter became the Apostle of the Jews, albeit with a limited understanding of the scope of God's mission for the Gentiles. When God wanted to reach the Gentiles through Peter, he had to be shown a bigger vision at the rooftop. This happened after God had just instructed Cornelius, a Gentile seeker, to send his servants to Joppa and seek Peter. The narrative goes thus:

“On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: and he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, and saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.” (Acts 10:9-16)

While Peter would eventually go on to open this significant door for the gospel to reach the Gentiles, God had to choose another passionate and zealous man and send him primarily to the Gentiles. God chose SAUL (whom we know as PAUL) from being an enemy of God and transformed him into a great missionary. His commitment would go on to become an inspiration for many generations of Christians from his day till date. We shall continue in the next episode to consider more on how our commitment can shape the size of our vision.

CALL TO ACTION

Do you think God plays favoritism?
 What is the level of your relationship with God?
 Are you committed to that vision?
 How well are you managing the resources God has given you?
 Do your choices limit you?

PONDER THIS: “STANDING BEFORE KINGS”

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; He shall not stand before mean men.” (Proverbs 22:29 KJV)

The size of our commitment determines the size of our vision! You can only stand before kings when your resolve for commitment is rock solid! May god help us.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, give me more grace for more commitment in my passionate service in the Kingdom in the name of Jesus.
2. Father, take away every limitation in my perception of Your agenda concerning all that You want to do through me in the world 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.