

# ***GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST***

## **Sermon by Ray Reynolds Write The Vision Down!**

**TEXT: Habakkuk 2:2**

**INTRODUCTION:** Are you a goal setter? Any good teacher, counselor, or advisor would encourage you to set goals if you want to reach an objective. Our vision as a church is vital to our existence! Our vision is what propels us into the future! We must have a vision and we need to better understand God's vision for the church. Let's study together . . . .

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### ***I. Vision Provides Definition***

**Proverbs 29:18** says, *"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law."* (ESV)

**Exodus 9:16** says, *"But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."* (ESV)

WE WILL DEFINE OUR PURPOSE IF WE WRITE THE VISION DOWN!

#### ***II. Vision Provides Design***

God gave Moses the "design" for the tabernacle (**Exodus 26-36**) while the Israelites were "designing" a golden calf (**Exodus 39**).

When David and Solomon designed the temple (**I Kings 7:8, II Chronicles 2:14**), they were following God's vision and fulfilling His dream. . . . not their own.

WE WILL HAVE A PROPER DESIGN IF WE WRITE THE VISION DOWN!

#### ***III. Vision Provides Dynamic***

**Lamentations 2:9** says, *"Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has ruined and broken her bars; her king and princes are among the nations; the law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from the LORD."* (ESV)

**Romans 12:11** says, *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."* (NIV)

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#### ***IV. Vision Provides Direction***

**Hosea 4:6** says, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."* (NKJV)

**Hebrews 8:9** says that God *"took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt"* because they followed His covenant, but then *"they did not continue"* in His covenant, so He *disregarded them."* (NKJV)

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#### ***V. Vision Provides Dependence***

Paul had opponents who were undermining his work (**I Corinthians 11:24-29**) but he responded by saying that his suffering proved his dependence on Christ.

David puts it this way, *"My salvation and my honor depend on God, He is my mighty rock, my refuge."* (**Psalms 62:7** - NIV)

WE WILL LEARN DEPENDENCE IF WE WRITE THE VISION DOWN!

**CONCLUSION:** God sees us not so much for what we are, or where we have been, while but He sees us for what we could be! We know where we have been, and we know where we are, but where are we going? What does God want us to do?