

Living With Unfulfilled Vision

Zechariah 4:1-7

1. Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep.
2. He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.
3. Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."
4. I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"
5. He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied.
6. So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.
7. "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

I. The Process of Having A Vision

- A. The Birth of the vision-
- B. The Work of the vision –
- C. The Death of the vision
- D. The Rebirth of the vision

II. Why we go through this

- The most important is that, if it's from God it's too big for us!
- If you can accomplish by yourself, then why do you need God?
- In the death of our vision we learn to trust God on a greater level!
- In those times, we learn to rely on HIS strength instead of our own!

Vs. 6 - So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

*Abraham was called the Father of many nations through Isaac, but then had to lay his son on a sacrificial alter!

*Joseph was called to be a Prime Minister, but first became a prisoner!

*David was called to be a King, but then was hunted like a criminal!

*Moses was called to be the deliverer of his people, but then comes the Red sea in front of him, Pharaoh behind him and nowhere to run!

*Paul was stoned and left for dead, but he got up!

2 Timothy 1:12 - That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

*Then there's Jesus! He was King of Kings yet was crucified on a cruel cross as the sky turned black!

*Peter said, Lord I will never betray you yet he denied Him then wept bitterly!

Eph. 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

III. What to do with a dead vision

A. Remember where the vision came from!

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV) - Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

It could be said like this... "If you have not sought God's heart and His will is not revealed to you about a matter, you're going to do it your way and mess it up!

B. Remember that God knows what he is doing even when we don't!

Zechariah 4:7a - "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground.

C. Remember to Say, "God bless it! God bless it!" (KJV- Grace, Grace unto it,)

Zechariah 4:7b - Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of "God bless it! God bless it!"

Jn. 12:24 - I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Zechariah 4:8-10

8. Then the word of the LORD came to me:

9. "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

10. "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "