

Acts Part 24 – How Is Your Vision

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[Act 26:19-20 NASB95] 19 "So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but [kept] declaring both to those of Damascus first, and [also] at Jerusalem and [then] throughout all the region of Judea, and [even] to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

- As I have aged, I have noticed change in my vision. Nothing bad. Barely needing glasses.
- If we use the word vision as it relates to our life, we often lose vision over time. Vision is connected to mission. In some ways, both answer the questions of what we are going to do. Vision might be more focused on the “what.” Mission might be more focused on the “how.”
- In Acts 26, Paul recounts the vision of Jesus that gave him the mission for his life.
 - V. 12 – Earthly commission.
 - V. 13-18 – Heavenly commission.
 - 13-15 – Encounter w/God – God knows how to irritate you – pointed sticks to direct animals
 - 16-18 – Specific commission from Jesus
 - Who – to the Gentiles
 - What – open their eyes, turn from darkness to light, from dominion of Satan to God, (WHY)... forgiveness of sin, receive an inheritance with those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus!
 - V. 19-20 – Was not disobedient or he obeyed.

What can we learn about God’s vision for us from Acts 26?

There are two components to the vision God has for us.

- I. God has a vision for every believer.
 - a. Stop living for earthly visions. Opinions. World. Flesh. Get it from the Bible.
 - b. We need an encounter with God
 - i. Jesus – surrender as Lord.
 - ii. Holy Spirit – empower to serve.
 - c. Usually involves 3 aspects
 - i. People
 - ii. Preaching – effecting others with the Gospel
 - iii. Place – v20 – remember Acts 16 – no, no, yes (Macedonia)
- II. God has a vision for the unique believer.
 - a. Discover God’s vision for your life. Seek God. He is big enough to show you.
 - b. Pursue the vision. Passion. Persistence.

- The vision God has for our lives involves a Gospel vision and a specific vision.
- As a church, we must renew ourselves to the vision of being a multigenerational, multiethnic Charismatic church, reaching this region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of God.
- Join the vision today!