

## The Power of Vision III

*Vision 2020 Open Our Eyes*

Consider *John 3:3*

*NKJ John 3:3* Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see** the kingdom of God."

Natural sight is called eyesight, spiritual sight is called vision.

Vision is a pictured goal.

*Amp John 3:3* Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (**anew, from above**), he cannot ever see (**know, be acquainted with, and experience**) the kingdom of God.

A kingdom is a realm or domain where a king is in charge.

- The kingdom of God is the new community.

The kingdom of God is the alterative to the empire of Rome.

*The kingdom of God is the community as God imagines it.*

Consider *Luke 4:21-30*

*Luke 4:21* And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. <sup>22</sup> And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, **Is not this Joseph's son?** <sup>23</sup> And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. <sup>24</sup> And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. <sup>25</sup> But I tell you of a truth, **many widows** were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up **three years and six months**, when great famine was

throughout all the land; <sup>26</sup> But unto none of them was Elias sent, **save unto Sarepta**, a city of Sidon, unto a woman *that was* a widow. <sup>27</sup> And **many lepers** were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving **Naaman the Syrian**. <sup>28</sup> And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, <sup>29</sup> And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. <sup>30</sup> But he passing through the midst of them went his way, <sup>31</sup> **And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.** <sup>32</sup> **And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.**

See yourself as a prophetic voice to this generation.

*Prophetic is an adjective which describes those who believe, practice, promote, receive and exercise the word of prophecy, prophets, a spirit of prophecy and prophecy in today's world.*

## I

The challenge of the prophet is familiarity. *Vs 22-24*

Learn to deal with rejection and lack of acceptance.

- Learn to deal with a lack of honor.

## II

One generation of prophets the Lord sent to other people.

*Who is the Lord sending you to over the borders? Vs 25-26*

The widow was a single parent. *1 Kings 17:8-16*

The widow and her son were impacted by climate change.

The widow and her son were in a food desert.

The widow had food *insecurity*.

*The widow was hopeless, "this my last supper."*

*The widow was in despair, she believed they were going to die.*

- God sustains them during the famine.

The prophet raises the child when he falls ill. *1Kings 17:17-24*

- The woman believed after *divine* and *human* intervention.

***1 Kings 17:24*** And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that ***thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.***

- After intervention she believed the messenger and message.

### III

The new generation of prophets the Lord *brought* people to them.

Who is the Lord bringing to you from over the borders? *Vs 27*

Consider *2 Kings 5:1-17* Naaman's story.

Naaman is an *outsider*.

Naaman is an immigrant who came *across* the *border* for help.

Naaman has a contagious, preexisting condition.

- Naaman has a terminal disease.

Naaman has an anger management problem.

Naaman is made whole. *Vs 14*

Conversion happens by divine and human intervention. *Vs 15 -19*

**2 Kings 5:15** And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, **now I know that *there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel***: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. <sup>16</sup> But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*; but he refused. <sup>17</sup> And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? **for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.** <sup>18</sup> In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, *that* when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. <sup>19</sup> And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

#### IV

Today see yourself going to others outside your boundaries.

Today see yourself receiving others outside your boundaries.

*The anointing on Jesus is a far reaching, see clearer and further.*

- Maintain your peace. *Vs 28*
- Pass through the midst of your haters. *Vs 30*

- Don't get stuck. *Vs 31*
- Keep on moving. *Vs 32*

*LORD, open our eyes that we may see!*

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