

Vision Sunday 3rd Quarter

Right Place, Right People, Right Purpose!!

It is Vision Sunday, kick-starting our 3rd quarter of the year and so it is important to ask again “**am I still in the right place, reaching the right people and fulfilling the right purpose for my life**”? And we know the enemy’s greatest strategy is to try and get Churches, Pastors, Members and Believers to move away from Gods intended Vision for their cities and lives by getting them to listen to a 2nd voice resulting in them being in a different place with different people fulfilling a different purpose.

So today I want to challenge us, mobilize us, remind us and encourage us to obey Gods 1st instruction and to fulfil the vision God has destined us to be part of in our lives.

Say: Right Place, Right People, Right Purpose.

Jonah 1:1-2 NKJV Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, [2] "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

- As the word came to Jonah, Still today God’s word calls men and women, everywhere to a right place, reaching the right people and fulfilling the right purpose and vision!!
- The good news is that we are enabled by God’s grace to be in the right place, to reach the right people in order to fulfill the right purpose.
- God’s word comes to a young man by the name of Jonah, calling him to a place in order to reach a people to fulfill his purpose.

You cannot call yourself a Christian if you have not responded to the call of Jesus to Go

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

- Has Gods word spoken to you yet?
- When did Gods word come to you?
- Have you responded to His call yet?

Call to a place:

V2b..Go To Nineveh,

Go to Cape Town, to Mitchel’s Plain, to Hermanus, Stellenbosch and Paarl or go to that school, university, that company.

Call to a people:

V2c...that great city.....

There are people waiting on the other side of your obedience:

Call to a purpose:

V2d...And cry out against it.....

Luke 4:18-19 NKJV [18] "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; [19] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

- That's why it's important to 1stly having a vision and then to revisit it regularly to ensure you do not become a Billy Goat Christian.

Jonah 1:3a NKJV But Jonah.....

Jonah 1:3 NKJV But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

- The enemies greatest plan is to get every non believer to either doubt God's call or delay God's call by listening to a 2nd voice.

V3b.....found a ship.....

- Billy Goat Christians love finding excuses or finding distractions.
- Delayed obedience is disobedience.
- Found a ship...Often times the 2nd voice in our lives will cause us to get onto ships that eventually will lead to hardships.

V3c.....He paid the fare.....

- If its God's will it will be God's bill.

Philippians 4:19-20 NKJV [19] And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. [20] Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

V3d.....To go from the presence of the Lord.....

The enemy knows that when his 2nd voice suggestions can get Christians side tracked & distracted & that ultimately takes them away from presence of the Lord, he knows they might be heaven bound but it will cause them to live like hell on earth.

Bible is full of 2nd Voice Testimonies:

Adam and Eve:

2nd Voice of Comparison:

Genesis 3:8 NKJV And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- Do no eat the fruit.

Samson:

2nd Voice of wrong Companionship:

Judges 16:17-19 NKJV [17] that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man." [18] When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. [19] Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.

- Enemy will come with a voice of wrong companionship
- Shared his heart with Delilah

David:

2nd Voice of Complacency:

2 Samuel 11:1-2 NKJV

[1] It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. [2] Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

- Do not become complacent

Jesus:

2nd Voice of Compromise:

Matthew 4:3, 8-9 NKJV [3] Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

[8] Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

- The devil will tempt you
- Do not compromise

Judas:

2nd Voice of Cash:

Matthew 26:14-16 NKJV [14] Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests [15] and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. [16] So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

1 Timothy 6:10 AMP For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute mental pangs.

Mark 4:18-19 NKJV Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, [19] and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

- Do not let money rule your life.
- Judas betrayed Jesus for cash
- The love of money is the root of all evil

God will go to any measure to get you back to the Right Place, The Right People to Fulfill the Right Purpose:

Jonah 1:17 NKJV Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:1-2 NKJV [1] Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. [2] And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.

- The Good News Is: God will never leave you nor forsake you but will use your setbacks to prepare you for your comebacks.

Jonah 2:10 NKJV So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

- Maybe you are feeling frustrated like Jonah, in the belly of a great fish or like Joseph left for dead in a pit or like David who was walking through the valley of the shadow of death...

Philippians 1:6 NKJV....being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

- Are you still fully persuaded to "Win the Lost at any cost"?
- Are you still committed to finance God's Kingdom through your talent and treasure?
- Does the zeal for God's house still consume you every week?
- Does the call to serve in the house faithfully every so those who have never heard of the gospel of Jesus, still beat in your heart?

- God's word has come to you today to keep you or get you to The Right Place, The Right People to Fulfill the Right Purpose!!