

## ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

*“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...”* **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**  
(NKJV)



### *This Week’s Thought – February 26, 2017*

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*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

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God has Big vision. It’s enormous. He wrote the book on vision. He is the original visionary. God’s vision is so large we are unable to wrap our minds around its implications. Even if we had infinite lifetimes to live, we couldn’t completely comprehend God’s vision. He launched His initial vision with creation. Creation was His baby. This was God’s opportunity to express Himself through the creation of the earth, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, sky, water, and most important, man. Man was the crown jewel of God’s creation, because he was created in the likeness of God. (Genesis 1:27) God takes nothing and makes something. He lifts up what seems to be insignificant dirt, and breathes life into it so it becomes a beautiful human being.

God is the expert at taking colorless capability and crafting it into a Technicolor transformation. His vision is macro: He illustrates His creativity and complexity through the creation of earth and all it contains. His vision is also micro, because He has created no two people alike. Each plant and animal is unique in its own special way. Above all else, His vision is personal for every single individual. **God has a vision for your life that is larger than you think.** We tend to limit the Lord’s vision with our unbelief and fears. **We get so caught up in our day-to-day responsibilities that we forget to focus on the father of vision, Jesus Christ.**

**Therefore, lift your heart and mind to the Lord, and ask Him what His vision is for your life. By faith, do not be afraid to stretch yourself into seeing things as He does. What we see as obstacles, He sees as stepping stones. What we see as limitations, He sees as His provision. What we see as fear, He replaces with faith.**

Do not grow tired of doing well. Tackle life with the energy and excitement of someone consumed with a fresh vision from heaven. Ask the Lord to baptize your vision under the water of His wonder. Ask Him to take your old, stale vision and bring it to life with faith and hope.

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Raise the bar of your belief so you are bold to ask things of God you have never asked, to believe things from the Lord you have never believed, and to do things by faith that you have never done. Go to the one who is Lord over all visions, and ask Him to infuse yours with life and largeness. Do not let your education, income, relationships, or past failures limit you in your pursuit of His vision for your life. Indeed, your failures are His opportunity to flourish a fresh vision for you and your family.

Lift up your eyes from the obvious, and look for the opportunity that stands next to you. Give yourself permission to “think outside the box” of the ordinary, trusting God with the extraordinary. Vision is most effective when updated and stretched. Do more than dust off an old vision. Pray for the Holy Spirit to birth a God-sized vision in your soul. It may mean moving. It may mean changing careers. It may mean more education. It may mean admitting failure, and starting over. Whatever it means for you, focus on God and His vision for your life. He knows how to create a life-changing vision. By faith, ratchet-up a more robust vision. Look to the Lord of vision and craft your vision around His. He has Big vision.

**Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Continue on this path with Me, enjoying My Presence even in adversity. I am always before you, as well as alongside you. See Me beckoning to you: ‘Come! Follow Me.’ The One who goes ahead of you, opening up the way, is the same One who stays close and never lets go of your hand. I am not subject to limitations of time and space. I am everywhere at every time, ceaselessly working on your behalf. That is why your best efforts are trusting Me and living close to Me.”** (Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 7:25; Psalm 37:3-4)

*“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.”* Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King