



How to Develop 20/20 Vision

Joshua 2:9-11

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1 Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia. He instructed them, “Spy out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho.” So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there that night.

2 But someone told the king of Jericho, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” 3 So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: “Bring out the men who have come into your house. They are spies sent here to discover the best way to attack us.”

4 Rahab, who had hidden the two men, replied, “The men were here earlier, but I didn’t know where they were from. 5 They left the city at dusk, as the city gates were about to close, and I don’t know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them.” 6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath piles of flax.) 7 So the king’s men went looking for the spies along the road leading to the shallow crossing places of the Jordan River. And as soon as the king’s men had left, the city gate was shut.

8 Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. 9 “I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror. 10 For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed.

11 No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. 12 Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that 13 when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.”

14 “We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,” the men agreed. “If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise when the LORD gives us the land.”

23 Then the two spies came down from the hill country, crossed the Jordan River, and reported to Joshua all that had happened to them. 24 “The LORD will certainly give us the whole land,” they said, “for all the people in the land are terrified of us.”



Principle #2: When you look with faith, you will see.

How to develop 20/20 Vision...

1. Bring _____ into the picture

“I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. (Joshua 2:9)

2. Look for God’s _____

“We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror. (Joshua 2:9)

Four Levels of Sight:

1) You _____ see God at work in your life.

2) You can’t see God at work until _____

3) You see What God has _____

4) You see what God is _____

5) You see what God will _____

3. _____ & Think

For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. (Joshua 2:10)

1 The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; 4 yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)

How to Grow your Faith & Use your Faith for Good in your Life:

1) W _____ **for visible signs of God’s invisible presence**

2) W _____ **down things that confirm God’s activity**

3) W _____ **to others what you see God doing**

4) W _____ **for God to open doors you need opened**

5) W _____ **through those doors immediately**

Listen! (Mark 4:3)



Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 4:9)

4. Draw the _____

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How to Open your Spiritual Eyes (3 tools):

(from my Wed. night Intercessory LifeGroup)

1) _____

on G_____ W_____

INFORMATION vs. ILLUMINATION

2) _____

on the C_____

Def: extended deep & active thinking

Quiet stillness of your soul

3) _____

to the S_____

You must accept whatever situation the Lord has put you in (1 Corinthians 7:17)

5. See the _____

For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. (Joshua 2:11)

6) Live by _____

How to Put 20/20 Vision To Work for You

A) V _____ what you want from God

B) V _____ your needs to Him

C) V _____ Circumstances with God's Word



D) _____ Resistance to God's Work in your life

Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. (Joshua 2:12)

3 Sources of Resistance that Cloud Your Vision:

1) _____ Circumstances

2) _____ Selfishness

a) Bitterness

b) Pride

c) Lust

3) _____ Enemies