



BUILDERS OF THE VISION

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Summary:

This message emphasizes the importance of moving from vision and prayer to concrete action in fulfilling God's plans. Bruce discusses the recent nine days of prayer for vision and challenges the congregation to actively participate in building what God has revealed. He stresses that faith without works is dead and that every believer has a role to play in bringing the vision to reality, whether through prayer, financial contribution, or active service.

Key Points:

- Vision is an invitation to build, not just to dream
- God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things
- Opposition and challenges are expected but should not deter us
- Trust in God must be coupled with action
- Each person has a unique role to play in fulfilling the vision
- The ministry is expanding globally, including plans for a medical ship and youth outreach
- Living as if the vision is already realized is crucial to its fulfillment

Scripture Reference:

- Nehemiah (particularly chapters 1-6)
- Psalm 127:1
- James 2:14-17

Stories:

- The story of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem
- Mary MacKillop's work in establishing schools and communities in rural Australia
- Personal anecdotes about the speaker's recent travels and meetings related to expanding the ministry
- The story of Lauren Cunningham, who started a global ministry in the 1960s that now has 1,000 centers worldwide

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(For Individual Reflection)

How can we move from being spectators of God's vision to active participants in building it, as Nehemiah and his people did with Jerusalem's walls?

In what ways might God be calling you to 'rebuild walls' in your own life, community, or the wider world?

How can we balance trusting in God's plan with taking concrete action, as exemplified by Mary MacKillop's approach to addressing societal needs?

What 'bricks' or contributions, no matter how small, can you offer to help build the vision God has given to your faith community?

How might viewing ourselves as part of a 'global proclamation family' change our approach to faith and service?

In what ways can we cultivate a 'burden' for those who don't know Christ, similar to Nehemiah's burden for Jerusalem?

How can we apply the principle of 'never see a need without doing something about it' in our daily lives and in response to global challenges?

What steps can we take to live now as if God's vision for our lives and communities has already been fulfilled?

How can we maintain perseverance and faith in the face of opposition or challenges to the vision God has given us?

In what ways can we ensure our faith is 'alive' and visible through our actions, as described in James 2:14-17?

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Opening Prayer:

Pray the IMPACTERS prayer together as a group. Ask God to open your hearts and minds to His message and to guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. Vision requires action - prayer must be followed by concrete steps.
2. Everyone has a role to play in building God's vision.
3. Trust in God's plan is essential, but it must be accompanied by action.
4. We are called to be builders, not just spectators.
5. Small acts of faith and obedience contribute to the larger vision.

Discussion Questions:

1. Bruce emphasizes that "vision is always an invitation to build." What does this mean to you personally? How can you respond to this invitation in your own life?
2. Reflect on the story of Nehemiah. How does his approach to rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem inspire you in your faith journey?
3. The message mentions that "no contribution is too small." What unique gifts or abilities do you have that could contribute to building God's vision?
4. How does the idea of "living now as if we had achieved what God has called us to" challenge your current perspective and actions?
5. Discuss the six steps of faith mentioned in the sermon (trust in God's vision, remember who God is, declare who God is, rely on God, do what's before you, keep walking toward the vision). Which of these do you find most challenging and why?
6. Bruce said, "Faith that only sees vision... is not yet complete." How can we ensure our faith moves beyond just seeing to actually doing?
7. How does the concept of being "builders of the vision" rather than just "hearers of the vision" change your approach to your spiritual life and community involvement?

Practical Applications:

1. Personal Inventory: Take time this week to assess how you're using your time, talents, and resources. Are they aligned with God's vision? What adjustments might you need to make?
2. Action Step: Choose one small, concrete action you can take this week to contribute to building God's vision in your community or church.
3. Prayer Focus: Commit to praying daily for God's vision to be fulfilled, both in your personal life and in your church community.
4. Faith Declaration: Write down a statement of faith declaring God's goodness and power in your life, even before you see the full manifestation of His promises.
5. Community Engagement: Explore opportunities to serve or contribute to your church's outreach efforts or mission projects.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His vision and ask for the courage and faith to be active builders of that vision in your daily lives.