

A VISION OF A GREAT TOMORROW



NEHEMIAH

“And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had **put in my heart** to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.” – Nehemiah 2:12

LOST VISION = LOST PURPOSE



80% of all the churches in any given community are plateaued or declining. They have settled into the comfort of mediocrity, or the safety of maintenance ministries.

1. God Dreams of Tomorrow

Habakkuk 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Zechariah 4:9-10 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you?"

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Isaiah 54:2-3
 "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left;

SOME DARE TO DREAM



I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

August 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C.

2. The State of the Church

I have a dream that this church, our church, will someday be a **House of Prayer** and a **Place of His Presence** where...



The History and Present



3. The Church's Dilemma

God wants to do something great.

- **Remain** – just keep doing what you are doing
- **Refocus** – become a seniors church
- **Retool** – focus on young families and children
- **Relocate** – become a new church plant

Only one life 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last. .

**MY GOD IS STILL A
MIRACLE WORKING GOD.**

**WITH MY GOD
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE**

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." – **Matthew 21:21-22**