



Make It Plain

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

In Part 6 of *Make It Plain*, Pastor Ron taught that vision is not the same as sight. Sight is what we see with our eyes, but vision is what God places in our spirit. Every God-given vision comes with a price tag and will face opposition. Like Peter walking on water, we must choose whether to focus on God's Word and the vision He's given us or the circumstances trying to talk us out of it.

The enemy doesn't need to defeat us; he only needs to distract us and create doubt. When we become double-minded—agreeing with both God's promise and our fears—we stop moving forward. Vision requires a single focus, endurance, and faith.

Pastor Ron reminded us that the heroes of faith endured because they saw something beyond their current circumstances. Jesus Himself endured the cross because He kept His eyes on the joy set before Him. Likewise, we must hold tightly to the vision God has given us, remove unnecessary weights, and continue running our race so we can faithfully pass the baton to the next generation.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 14:22-31, James 1:6-8, Matthew 6:22-23, Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 12:1-2

OPEN IN PRAYER

Invite God to help each person see His vision more clearly and strengthen them to remain faithful in the middle of challenges and opposition.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Understanding the Message

1. Pastor Ron said, "Sight is conceived with the eyes, but vision is conceived in the spirit." What stood out to you about that distinction?
2. In Peter's story, what changed when he shifted his focus from Jesus to the wind and waves?
3. Have you ever experienced a situation where what you saw with your eyes contradicted what you believed God was leading you toward? How did you respond?

Personal Reflection

4. Pastor Ron emphasized that we often get to choose how we define our circumstances. Can you think of a difficult season that later became a launching pad for growth in your life?
5. What vision, dream, calling, or promise from God are you currently holding onto?

6. What "winds and waves" are most tempting you to lose focus right now?
7. James 1 warns about being double-minded. In what areas are you tempted to agree with fear, doubt, or discouragement instead of God's promises?

Living It Out

8. Hebrews 12 tells us to lay aside every weight. What are some "weights" (not necessarily sins) that may be slowing your spiritual growth or distracting you from God's vision?
9. Pastor Ron described having a "single eye"—a focused heart that stays aligned with God's vision. What practical habits help you stay focused on God's direction?
10. Jesus endured because He kept the joy set before Him in view. What future hope or purpose motivates you to keep going when life gets difficult?
11. Pastor Ron talked about faithfully carrying the baton and passing it to the next generation. Who has invested in your faith journey, and who are you investing in now?

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

This week, spend time praying and writing down one area where God has given you vision for your future, family, ministry, career, or spiritual growth.

Then:

- Identify one distraction, fear, or "weight" that has been competing for your focus.
- Write down one Scripture that reinforces God's promise in that area.
- Read it daily and pray over it throughout the week.
- Take one practical step toward the vision God has placed in your heart.

Remember: Vision thrives when we focus on God's Word more than our circumstances.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for the vision and purpose You have placed in each of us. Help us keep our eyes fixed on You when the winds and waves of life try to distract us. Give us endurance to run our race faithfully, courage to lay aside every weight, and faith to trust Your promises even when we cannot yet see the outcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.