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MESSAGE SUMMARY – Pt. 10

This week's message challenged us to move beyond what we can see with our natural eyes and begin living from God's vision for our lives. Sight is limited by circumstances, but vision is birthed in our spirit through God's promises. Along the journey toward God's purpose, we'll encounter resistance, unexpected change, and seasons that require endurance. Yet God has not called us to quit - He's called us to adapt, remain steadfast, and keep our eyes fixed on the joy set before us. When we trust His vision over our circumstances, we discover the strength to keep moving forward.

Open in Prayer

Invite God to open every heart and mind to hear His voice. Ask Him to strengthen faith, reveal His vision for each person's life, and give courage to trust Him through every season.

Ice Breaker

Share about a time when something looked intimidating at first but ended up becoming a blessing. What changed your perspective?

Discussion Questions

1. Sight vs. Vision

Pastor Ron explained that our eyes only perceive images, but our minds define what we're seeing. Vision, however, comes from God and is conceived in our spirit before we ever see it with our eyes.

Read: Matthew 14:22-33

- What's one difference between living by sight and living by vision?
- Can you think of a time when your circumstances tried to convince you that God's promise wasn't possible?
- How can we train ourselves to trust God's vision more than our current reality?





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2. Contrary Winds Don't Cancel the Vision

The disciples encountered resistance in the middle of the journey—not at the beginning or the destination. Sometimes opposition is evidence that we're still moving toward what God has called us to.

- Have you ever mistaken opposition as a sign that you were on the wrong path?
- How can resistance actually strengthen our faith?
- What "contrary winds" are you facing right now, and how can your group pray for you?

3. Adapting to New Seasons

John the Baptist struggled when God began moving in a new way. Healthy believers remain flexible enough to follow God's leading, even when it looks different than before.

Read: Luke 7:18-23

- Why do you think change can be difficult, even when it's from God?
- Have you ever had to let go of something familiar in order to embrace what God was doing next?
- What helps you remain teachable during seasons of transition?

4. Endurance Requires Vision

Hebrews reminds us to lay aside every weight, keep our eyes on Jesus, and remember the joy set before us.

Read: Hebrews 12:1-3

- What "weights" (not necessarily sins) can keep us from running well?
- Why is remembering God's purpose so important when we're tempted to quit?
- What practical habits help you keep your focus on Jesus instead of your circumstances?

5. Fear vs. Intimidation

Pastor Ron distinguished ordinary fear from intimidation. Intimidation convinces us we've already lost, causing us to stop trying before we've even begun.





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Read: 2 Timothy 1:6-7

- Have you ever avoided something because you felt convinced you couldn't succeed?
- How does God's Spirit empower us differently than the spirit of intimidation?
- What step of faith is God asking you to take this week despite your fears?

This Week's Challenge

Spend time each day praying over an area where you've been living by sight instead of vision. Ask God to help you see it through His eyes. Write down one practical step of faith you can take this week that reflects trust in His promises rather than your circumstances.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us vision that reaches beyond what we can see. When opposition comes, help us remember that You are still leading us toward Your purpose. Give us the courage to adapt to new seasons, the endurance to keep running the race You've set before us, and the faith to overcome every voice of fear and intimidation.

