

KEY VERSE

Romans 8:28 (ESV) - *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

YOUR PERSONAL VISION - HOW TO HEAR FROM GOD

NOTES

1. God revealed a personal vision to Joseph in a _____.

Genesis 37:19, 20 ESV - *They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. v.20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."*

- Because of the dream, Joseph endured incredible hardships and mistreatments until eventually, he became the second most powerful man in Egypt. Be a dreamer!

2. God gave Moses a personal vision when He spoke in an _____ out of a burning bush.

Exodus 3:1, 2 NIV - *Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. v.2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush...*

- Three things to note about Moses:
 - Moses was busy working when God spoke to him; not sitting around wasting his life, but working!
 - Don't let your past failures make you feel disqualified from a personal vision for ministry.
 - Stay watchful. Always be looking for how God is going to speak.

Exodus 3:2-4 NIV - *...Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. v.3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." v.4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."*

Share your dream with a trusted, Kingdom-minded friend.

3. Nehemiah discovered a personal vision through a God-given _____.

Nehemiah 2:11-17 ESV - *Having seen the city of Jerusalem in ruins, he lamented to himself, "[why won't somebody rebuild these walls?]"*

THREE KEYS TO DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONAL VISION

1. Your _____

- Your passions are things you _____ so much that you would be willing to make sacrifices for them.
- QUESTION 1 - What really _____ me?
- QUESTION 2 - What _____ my spirit?
- QUESTION 3 - What _____ my heart?

2. Your _____

- Your abilities consist of your _____ talents and spiritual _____.

Romans 12:6-8 NIV - *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; v.7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; v.8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

- QUESTION 1 - What do I absolutely _____ to do?
- QUESTION 2 - What do I do that has a significant _____ on others?
- QUESTION 3 - What do I _____ believe I can do but have never tried?

3. Your _____

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- All the events of your past serve to _____ you for your God-given personal vision for ministry.

- QUESTION 1 - What are some of the _____ things God has brought me through?
- QUESTION 2 - What are some _____ I have learned from past failures or bad choices?
- QUESTION 3 - How have those things _____ me into who I am today?

Remember, as disciples of Christ, we are all called to ministry! We won't all be called to the same place, at the same time, or in the same way; but, we are all called, for his purpose, to a personal vision for ministry.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you absolutely love to do?
2. What do you do that has a significant impact on others?
3. What do you secretly believe you can do but have never tried?
4. Do you sense a special burden for a cause, call, or people group? If so, explain.
5. Can you identify one or two areas in your life where your passions, your abilities (and/or spiritual gifts), and your past experiences converge into some kind of divine potential in Christ?