

# Day Three: January 3

This is a day for **vision**.

“For lack of vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18)

The Message translates this verse:

If people can't see what God is doing,  
they stumble all over themselves;  
But when they attend to what he reveals,  
they are most blessed.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.

Seeking God's vision is more a time of listening than requesting. Just as we confessed that “the church belongs to Jesus and not to us,” we acknowledge that the church exists to fulfill God's will and mission and design. Part of our prayer must be that we get our will out of God's way, and another part is that we be able to hear and do God's will.

Jesus said that his mission was to “seek and save the lost.” Instead of asking God to bless what we are doing, pray that we might bless God by doing what he desires.

Pray for discernment and guidance for Gloria Dei in particular and the entire church in general. Pray for God's gifts to be made manifest in our congregation. Pray “outside of the box,” asking God what we should be doing that we are not doing, as well as what we should stop doing that we are doing. Ask God to help us build the church in his image, by his will, to his design and for his glory.

Epiphany is a season of revealing; the light has come into the world in Jesus. We also seek God's continuing enlightenment for his church, that we may live out our role as the Body of Christ in this place.

Read the devotion on the next page. Consider it's personal implications for yourself, but also expand the thought to speak to our church's “biggest dreams” as well.

Finally, “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Listen to God speak...

## God Can Top Your Biggest Dream

By Rick Warren — Jan 5, 2016

***“God can do anything, you know — far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!” (Ephesians 3:20 MSG)***

God’s dream for your life is exponentially bigger than your dream. It’s eternally significant. There are a lot of dreams you could have that may seem big, but they wouldn’t be significant. You could dream of being a millionaire by a certain age, but for what purpose? Do you think God put you on this planet to live for yourself? Of course not! God’s dream for your life is bigger than your dream.

Ephesians 3:20 says, *“God can do anything, you know — far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!”* (MSG)

I’ve never been accused of small dreaming. I have big visions in life. Yet God says, “Rick, think of the greatest thing I could do in your life, the greatest way I could bless your life. Dream the biggest dream, the greatest vision — and I can top that!”

You have no idea what God wants to do in your life. You are living such a small fraction of what you’re capable of. You are doing with your life such a small portion of what God wants to do in your life.

God wants you to dream big. He wants you to base your dream not on what you think you can do but on what you think God can do. He wants you to use the imagination that he gave you, because dreaming big honors him. It shows faith. It shows trust.

Many years ago Saddleback Church purchased 120 acres of land for our campus. That’s bigger than Disneyland! When word got out, people said, “What kind of church is this that’s going to go buy 120 acres of Orange County property? Who do those people think they are?”

When I heard that, I said, “That’s the wrong question. The question should be, ‘Who do we think God is?’” We were dreaming big because we knew God had a big plan for Saddleback.

Let the size of your God determine the size of your goal.

### **Talk It Over**

- If you could have one dream come true in your life, what would it be?
- Do you have a hard time accepting that God’s dream for your life is bigger and better than your biggest and best dream? If so, why?
- Take some time to pray and ask God how he wants you to expand and refine your goals so that they reflect your trust in his great vision for you and for the world.

