

God's will for His church vision



The Bible says in Proverbs 29:18 that without a vision the people perish. Another translation says 'the people are unrestrained'. If you look the word up in a Hebrew dictionary you will see that a very literal translation has to do with 'letting your hair down' (like if you wore a turban and let it down or unrestrained).

I believe that we live in a day where it is more important to understand the importance of vision than ever. Jesus was very clear in warning us in Matthew 24:10-14 that in these last days many would be deceived, many would be misled and many would fall away. He said that because lawlessness would increase the love of most would grow cold.

We live in a day where there are more reasons than ever not to be focused on doing the will of God; that is from a carnal stand-point. The devil would love to have you worried about your finances because he knows that the worries of the world will choke the Word; and that means the anointing and power in your life. The devil would love for you to be more focused on building your house than God's because he understands that the lust for other things, if you'll let it, will drive you until you never think about others but only ever about yourself. The worries of the world (which belong to the world and not to us by the way; Jesus said we would be in the world but not *of* the world), the deceitfulness of riches (the deceitful lie that you need to follow after money to get anything; Jesus said seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things would be added unto you) and the lust for other things, in these last days, have

more than enough to offer to help you become one of the people Jesus mentioned; one that would fall away from the faith; from seeking to advance His Kingdom in the earth.

From a carnal stand-point there has never been a better time to think about you, you and only you. But from a spiritual stand-point, there has never been such a crucial time to cleave to the things of God. There is so much going on against the love of God, the gospel of God and the things of God that it is far from the time where we need to be slack in our fight to advance His cause.

Without a vision the people are unrestrained. If the devil can manage to get us to forget what this is really all about, then, we must not deceive ourselves, we will become unrestrained in the things of God. Which simply means, we will neglect doing the things that must get done to fulfill the given mission. And that is disastrous. It is disastrous because we have an enemy who is keen on his mission to steal, kill and destroy. He knows what his plan, purpose and mission is and he is thinking night and day about how to bring it to pass.

I believe that it is imperative in these last days that we remind ourselves continually of what it is God has assigned us to do; this keeps the vision fresh in our hearts and minds. And then we must do what it takes to see that vision come to pass. That means making decisions based, not on money or relationships or feelings or what the news media says, but based on God's Word: what has He told me to do.

We teach the kids over and over again: do the Word of God; be a doer of God's Word; whatever Jesus says to you, do it. It is a very simple message but we must not overlook it. We must remember Christ's commission and place it first in our lives. We must refuse to think like the world thinks but rather according to the Kingdom of God.

At Walking Faith Ministry, our mission is based on a belief that everyone has the right to hear the Good News of God. Whether one chooses to receive it or not is not our business, but it is our place to make it available to people as best as we know how, so that the humble *can* hear and rejoice.

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Pastor Scott is on a long-deserved sabbatical. Please pray with us that God will give him much rest, refreshing, restoration, revelation and strengthening.



Please be sure to visit www.childrensactivitycenter.com to view films, slideshows and get the latest news on what is happening at the CAC. We really desire for you to know what it is that God is doing here.



We are in need of interns for our coming Fall semester. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact our office for more information.



Psalm 78 speaks very clearly of the importance of passing the Word of God on to the next generation and that is what we do. Here is God's heart:

- O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.**
² **I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
³ what we have heard and known,
what our fathers have told us.**
⁴ **We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**
⁵ **He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our forefathers
to teach their children,
⁶ so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.**
⁷ **Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.**
⁸ **They would not be like their forefathers—
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
whose hearts were not loyal to God,
whose spirits were not faithful to him.**

I encourage you, in light of all that is going on in the world and in light of this word, to pray and check to see if you are doing what God has asked of you. I encourage you to be honest with yourself, not in condemnation but in truth, and see if perhaps there are some things that you need to adjust to make sure God and His mission are first place in your life.

Here at the CAC we endeavor to be doers of Proverbs 4:25-27. We are fixed on what it is God has called this place to do. We want you, our partners, to know that we are continuing forward to make God's Word available to those who so desperately need it. Please continue to pray with us as the Spirit of God directs you, for wisdom, anointing, unity, laborers, strength and vision.

- ²⁵ **Let your eyes look straight ahead,
fix your gaze directly before you.**
²⁶ **Make level paths for your feet
and take only ways that are firm.**
²⁷ **Do not swerve to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil.**

Thank you. **Vincent Bouchard**

From the Archives

In this section of the newsletter, Gilda Duncan, sister of David Ellis, the CAC's founding Pastor, will bring us back in time to the beginning days of the Children's Activity Center and let us in on what it was like.



We decided to go back into the archives and share some of the pictures and events that have been a part of the history of CAC. We actually started our ministry in 1996 with about five people. The building in this picture is the way that the property looked back then. We had a beautiful tree in front of the property which died and had to be cut down. Now we have a wonderful parking lot in front that is a real blessing. The inside of the children's activity center was a garage full of old cars, motors and junk. The walls inside were constructed out of chicken wire. God has really blessed us to fix up our property and make it a wonderful place for kids and adults. You may have heard the saying "You've come a long way baby," well our ministry *has* come a long way and we have hope in the Lord to continue and to go even further.

Gilda Duncan,

Ministry Update

Thank you to all the people who pray and give into this ministry. Things are going very well. You will notice on the back picture of the newsletter a group of about 70 or so kids; these are some of the children that attend our Saturday Sunday School. They are in front of a van that has just been bought by one of God's faithful stewards, for the use of the ministry. A special praise to God for this and a special thank you to the donor and his family on behalf of all the kids and families that will be so blessed to have a ride to church and other ministry functions. Our kids will be on Spring Break this coming week so we will get to spend a little bit of extra time with some of them. God is doing wonderful things on each of the sites and we are so grateful to Him and to you for the honor of getting to do His work. Please continue to pray for us as we hit the streets daily.

Intern Positions Available

If you would like to be trained in one of America's most challenging inner-city ministries then this is the opportunity for you. This is a dynamic way to get street level, street wise and use all the gifts God gave you and more to reach out to the lost, the hurting, the homeless and fatherless of America's fourth largest City. We have 5 and 12 month terms available. Housing is provided. If you would be interested in learning and growing with us please contact Vincent at 713-667-0442.



The Children's Activity Center – Children's Activity Truck part of Walking Faith Ministry, is a non-profit faith based organization dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus Christ to children and their families in Houston's crime and poverty ridden inner-city. We use a number of colorful fourteen foot storage trucks converted into a portable stages to bring weekly presentations of the gospel in skits, dramas, puppetry, and video right to the very doorstep of the children who so most desperately need it. Weekly visitations to the homes of attending children help us to share the life changing message of Jesus with the entire family and help the ministry to identify current needs both spiritual and physical that can be met in a timely fashion.

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