

“TRANSMITTING VISION”

Neh 2:16-18

Lisa said she only ever heard from God in one of our moves (we moved 8x!) But she was willing to believe that I heard from God. Our scrip: A man named Nehemiah – used by God. We see he understood that you have to carry people along with you in vision.

I. DERAILING THE VISION

A. Vision is always connected with other people

1. A fool thinks he is hot b/c he has a vision – and ignores the fact of his connection to others
2. Your vision will never come to pass if you ignore the human dimension of vision/calling
 - a. List of 16 qualifications for ministry in Timothy: 12 have to do with relationships/other people

B. This most often plays out in marriage

1. A man receives a vision/is stirred – but fails to bring his wife along in the vision
 - a. **Adam/Eve:** God spoke to Adam - it was His job to communicate it clearly to his wife
 1. Eve responds to Serpent **Gen 3:3** shall not eat of it – or touch it, lest we die
 - a. God didn't say touch it: Adam failed to communicate God's will clearly
 - b. **David/Michal:** 2 Sam 6: David is excited what God is doing – Michal despises David in her heart
2. Mistakes are made in relationships concerning vision
 - a. We assume other people are more important: *The only thing that matters is that Pastor is happy!*
 - b. We assume our wife gets it b/c we do
 - c. We assume others will have to go along with God!

C. This can derail your destiny! A failure to take people along with us in vision always does damage

1. It opens our home up to unhealthy powers: Adam made his wife vulnerable
 - a. Resentment: Wives despise their husbands/people/the ministry – and God Himself
2. It stops God's power: Michal – fruitfulness stopped
3. It stops God's will
 - a. Men never chosen
 - b. Ministries stay small
 - c. Men have to leave the ministry

II. TRANSMITTING THE VISION

A. Nehemiah demonstrates that he understood the human dimension

1. You have to bring people along with you in the vision!
 - a. **Neh 2:16-18** he hadn't told them/he pointed out the problem & reproach/he told of God's hand
2. Shows great wisdom with people by what he didn't do
 - a. He didn't assume
 - b. He didn't demand
 - c. He didn't rush ahead of where they were at

B. Wisdom in transmitting vision to our wives

1. **You have to communicate the vision:** What God is telling you/what is stirring you for
2. **You have to include your wife:** Make her feel a part of what God is revealing/your future!
 - a. **Nehemiah 2:17** Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."
 1. You're a part of this/I need you/I can't do it without you
3. **You should not dismiss your wife's concerns:** *How will we eat/will the kids die...? Don't be stupid, woman!*
4. **You may have to wait for the right time:** V16
5. **You have to be aware of your wife's need:** **Eph 5:25** husbands love your wives – she wants to be valued!
 - a. She is going to be concerned that the vision/the ministry will cause you to forget her
 1. You have to balance her needs and ministry: Make time for her/talk to her/think of her
 2. You have to recognize critical seasons: She will need you more/she's troubled/feeling neglected
 - b. You have to Pastor your wife as well as other people: *Pastor = shepherd one who cares for/leads*
 1. **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

III. BLESSING THE VISION

A. When we are wise in transmitting the vision – God blesses it

1. He doesn't need perfection! God used Moses/Zipporah even with their problems!
2. God gets involved when he sees wisdom in vision
 - a. He opens doors supernaturally
 - b. He overcomes opposition
 - c. He blesses the work
 1. **Nehemiah 6:15-16** So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.