

Village Church Vision 2009

The Land God Gives



2009: Taking Ownership

A. The Land That *Is Given*: The Vision *Josh 1:2-5*

Saturate: Walking and Living a Vision

1. How do you get over the Jordan? *By Faith*
2. What are the daily Jordan-obstacles?
3. What is our land—our call? *Matt 28:19-20*
4. Walking faith: Possessing what has been given.
5. Doris Derby; Henrietta Mears; Missionaries
6. A daily vision—do we see as God sees?
7. The same power and presence of God that was with Joshua was with Solomon. *Josh 1:5 and 1 Chron 28:20*
8. And is with us! *Heb 13:5-6*
9. God is present at every encounter—let Him guide your conversation.

B. Courage to Possess the Vision *Josh 1:6-7*

Integrate: The Vision Must be for the Whole Body

1. Obedience to God's word brings courage and prosperity
2. Moses left the law as a guide Joshua *Josh 1:2*
3. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to guide us and to lead us. *Acts 1:8; Joh 14:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-31*

C. Building Faith for the Vision *Josh 1:8-9*

Meditate: We Must Grow in Faith To See the Vision

1. It is impossible to 'saturate' or 'integrate' without deepening our walk and commitment to the Word, prayer and the Spirit.
2. Our hearts will be tested *Deut 8:2*

Strategies of Vision Ownership 2009

Saturate

Outreach
Media
Invite to Church
Join Clubs
LWV Dir Prayer
Map Walk/Prayer

Integrate

Body Ministry
Helps Ministries
Prayer Ministries
Calling Ministries
New Ministries
Home Ministries

Meditate

Personal Growth
Read through the Bible
Study a specific topic
Pray through the scripture
AM-PM Devotions
Seek the gifts of the Spirit

Joshua 1:1-9

:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

:2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, **arise, go** over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land **which I am giving to them**—the children of Israel.

:3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given you**, as I said to Moses.

:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

:5 No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

:6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

:7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Looking to Twenty

In December of 2010 Judy and I will have been at the Village Church of Laguna Woods Village (*formerly Leisure World Christian Assembly*) for twenty years. ***That's two years away.***

So what will the Village Church look like in two more years? By moving to Clubhouse 7 we will have the capacity to grow—to double or even triple in size if God wills it. *However*, I am more interested in our capacity to grow in four areas:

1. Grow in the Word
2. Grow in the Spirit
3. Grow in Vision
4. Grow in Ministry

Are you willing to grow?

Are you willing to still be used by God to further His kingdom?

Are you open to God giving you a 'vision' of ministry?

Are you willing to be open to the Spirit of God?

These are the questions that I am asking myself! *Mike—are you willing* to be open to the Word, the Spirit and Vision? Like Peter when Jesus asks him, “Do you love me?” and he replies—“you know I do Lord.” I want to say—“You know I will be open Lord!” But Jesus had to ask Peter three times—and even then Peter seemed unsure until the Day of Pentecost.

This one thing I do know—I know that the previous 38-years of ministry and God's work in and on Judy's and my life has brought us to this time and place with a sense of expectancy, purpose and destiny. And I also believe that He has brought you to this ministry for such a time as this!

The leading words of each phrase of *Psalms 16:11* form a theme for us to follow into the future:

You will show me... In Your presence... At Your right hand...

Here's what this says to me and I believe for all of us: Let God show us the way as we stay in His presence and depend on His hand.

Pastor Mike