
The Vision of Intercession (Somebody Prayed For Me)

God's Vision Plan

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Sermon: God's Vision Plan: The Vision of Intercession (Somebody Prayed For Me)

Lesson Text

Habakkuk 2:1–3 (AV)¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. ² And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. ³ For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Ephesians 6: 18 (AV) ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Luke 22:31–34 (AV)³¹ And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:** ³² **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.** ³³ And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. ³⁴ And he said, **I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.**

Introduction

In our last message on Vision, we learned that God told Habakkuk to “Write The Vision, and Make It Plan”.

- To keep our Vision Plan we must K.I.S.S. it; Keep It Simply Stupid.
- 1 Corinthians 14:³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to **edification***, and ***exhortation***, and ***comfort***.
- When you write the vision, make it plain by K.I.S.S. it. Make sure it Edifies, Exhorts, and Comforts; otherwise, the vision won't be simple, and you will be stupid!

For this Bonus Message tonight we want to Look at Vision from the perspective of Intercession.

To Intercede means to Intervene (Plead, Arbitrate, or Mediate) on behalf of another.

This is one of three key prayers that Jesus teaches us to pray!

Matthew 7:⁷ **Ask, and it shall be given you** (Prayers of Petition); **seek, and ye shall find** (Prayers of Devotion); **knock, and it shall be opened unto you** (Prayers of Intercession):

The reason why Intercession is so necessary is because there are times where we can't see the forest for the trees, we can't see where we're going, we can see beyond our emotions; and so, God puts someone in our lives with a Vision to see and Intercede on our behalf!

In our lesson text Peter felt like he was a “Ride or Die” Brother: Luke 22:³³ And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Now he legitimately and honestly felt that way, but he couldn't see that later that night he would fold like a cheap tent. But Jesus saw the Vision and Interceded in Prayer for him!

Luke 22: ³¹ And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:** ³² **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:**

And what Jesus did is what Paul teaches us to do in his epistle or letter to the Ephesians. He shows us the connection of Prayer, The Spirit, and God's Vision:

- Ephesians 6: ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

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“Intercede with Prayer and Supplication, Intercede with the Spirit, Intercede with God's Vision”

I. Intercede with Prayer and Supplication

Ephesians 6: ¹⁸ **Praying always with all prayer and supplication** in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The first key to Intercession is to go to God on behalf of another with Prayer and Supplication.

Prayer here means to pray for each other in general, and Supplication means to pray in specific.

As Christians we should always prayer regardless of the situation.

- Luke 18:1 (AV)¹ And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–19 (AV)¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.

However, to truly Intercede, one must Supplicate; that is pray in specific about a specific need for another.

This speaks to the importance of not just being a member of a church, but a part of a Body of Believers who have intimate knowledge of each other.

- James 5:16 (AV)¹⁶ Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- Philippians 4:6–7 (AV)⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Jesus knew Peter and He Supplicated for him: Luke 22: ³¹ And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:** ³² **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:**

II. Intercede with the Spirit

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Ephesians 6: ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication *in the Spirit*, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The next key to Intercession is to go to God on behalf of another in the Spirit.

Intercession is not just knowing what to pray for, but also being led by the Spirit in how to pray for it.

Although you may have Intimate knowledge of what a person's needs are, you may not have Spiritual knowledge on how to get it to them.

Luke 22: ³³ And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. ³⁴ And he said, **I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.**

As an Intercessor, Jesus knew that Peter would fail, but without the Spirit, he may have prayed the wrong prayer.

You see, if it was me, and I knew that you would fail or fall, I would pray that God keeps you from failing, falling, or denying. But this is not the prayer that Jesus prayed.

Luke 22: ³¹ And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:**

The Spirit doesn't look at the short term, but He knows the long game. We pray for the short term (what's going on right now). But the Spirit looks down the road at God's plan and purpose

Romans 8:26–28 (AV)²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

III. Intercede with God's Vision

Ephesians 6: ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and *watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

The final key to Intercession is to go to God on behalf of another by Watching for the Vision.

Habakkuk 2:¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.

To Intercede means to Watch for the Vision with Hindsight, Present Sight, and Fore Sight.

To Intercede means to Watch for the Vision by being able to See in the Watch Tower, Bark or Preach in the Watch Tower, and be Alert in the Watch Tower.

They can't see it, so God give you the Vision to see it for them and Intercede!

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And Paul teaches us in our lesson text to watch with all perseverance!

Perseverance means Persistence, Determination, Doggedness, and Resolve.

- Whether the people we are interceding for responds or not, Persevere!
- Whether they act right or not, Persevere (Persistent)!
- Whether they get saved or not, Persevere (Determined)!
- Whether they are delivered, healed, or set free, Persevere (Dogged, Resolve).

They may not see it but keep on Watching until God does it!

Galatians 6:9 (AV)⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Romans 8:38–39 (AV)³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Keep on Watching for the Vision of Intercession no matter what!

We're here today because Somebody Prayed for us, Somebody Interceded for us, Somebody Supplicated for us, Somebody Prayed in the Spirit for us, Somebody Watched for us.