

21 Days of Possible
A Citizen Heights' Prayer Guide
January 10 – January 31

WEEK ONE. VISION FOR MY LIFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Day 1: God's Vision for My Life

SCRIPTURE:

“Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.” HABAKKUK 2:2-3 (NKJV)

OBSERVATION:

Have you ever had to wait for something? The discipline of waiting can be really challenging; we can become overwhelmed, we may lose sight of the vision, or even become a bit hopeless. Twenty-twenty was a year packed, for many, with the heavy burden of waiting. Maybe you're waiting for a medical result, or to hear back from a job interview. Maybe you're waiting to go back to your college campus, or are eagerly waiting for your children to go back to school, and for in-person gatherings to return to their regularly scheduled programming. Whatever it is, we're *still* waiting, and in that waiting the vision may have become murky. But why are we waiting, and what are we waiting for? What's the purpose of the wait?

In Habakkuk we find a prophet who is asking God, “why?” “Why do good things happen to bad people?” and “God! How much longer until you liberate us, your own people, from Babylonian oppression?” Even after Habakkuk spoke the words of the coming promise, the people of God would have to wait another 66 years until God's “appointed time” to finally be free.

The purpose of the wait is directly connected to God's desire to make us more like Jesus, our Lord and Savior. God's vision isn't late, it's good, it's perfect. We wait with the expectation that His word, His promises will not return void. As we wait He will make the vision clearer, as we wait He will perfect our faith, and if we allow him He will refine our character. Our posture must be one of hope-filled expectancy because our God is faithful and He will keep every promise.

APPLICATION:

Today, write out a list of as many things you can think of that you're thankful for in the wait. There's no specific number that you need to hit, just whatever it is that you're thankful for. Then, write a brief vision statement that highlights your hope-filled expectation for 2021.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Lord, I submit to you all my plans for 2021 and beyond. Make the vision plain, and help me walk in your ways. Speak to my heart, give me your clear revelation, and confirm to me the plans you have for me this year. I present to you my relationships, my career, and my journey with you. Amen!

ADDITIONAL READING:

Revelation 1:19; Ezekiel 12:25

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Day 2: I Need the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE:

“And that’s just the beginning: After that — “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of person: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I’ll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both. I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below...” JOEL 2:28-32 (MSG)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ACTS 1:8 (ESV)

OBSERVATION:

Have you ever needed something? I remember a couple of years ago our front yard was attacked by an insubordinate mole that was undoing every bit of hard work I put into the space. Whatever trap I tried to set up, this mole would bypass it while wreaking havoc. I needed it gone. One early Sunday morning, I finally caught the mole, and celebrated what was a win for our family, our yard, and our neighborhood’s pride—yes, it was that serious.

Even more than needing a mole or pest to be removed from the yard, I need the Holy Spirit, *we* need the Holy Spirit. Joel prophesied about the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the final days. Peter and the rest of the disciples experienced the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, just days after Jesus returned to the Father. It changed everything. The Holy Spirit is our advocate, our helper, and is with us always. The Holy Spirit honors God, empowers us, all while serving as a witness to the faith that we profess.

One of my favorite times of the year is when we host our Heights Young Adults’ Encounter. During the Encounter, Heather and I get to share about the power of the Holy Spirit with our young adults while witnessing the Holy Spirit move in their lives— it’s truly life impacting. The fact is, more than anything we all need the Holy Spirit and the first step to receiving His presence in our lives is recognizing just how much we need Him. The good news is, you have access to Him right now. It starts with prayer.

APPLICATION:

Carve out 10-15 minutes of your calendar today for a time of worship and prayer. Put on your favorite worship song in your home or car and welcome the Holy Spirit into your heart, into your space, into your world. Need a song suggestion? Listen to *No One But You* by Hillsong Worship.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God I pray for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit throughout my life this year. Give me new dreams, and your fresh vision. Respond to my heart and life through wonders and signs...that my life and walk with you would be filled with the anointing that only you can give. Amen!

ADDITIONAL READING:

1 Corinthians 12:13; Luke 21:12-19

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Day 3: Straighten My Path

SCRIPTURE:

“Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ACTS 9:3-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” PROVERBS 3:5-6 (ESV)

OBSERVATION:

What an incredible encounter Saul, also known as Paul, had with Jesus on the road to Damascus. At the time, Saul was on his way to slaughter Christians, and with no warning was literally struck by a touch of heaven.

We live in a time when many of us are encouraged to do everything in our power to dodge the potential cultural landmines around us. However, as believers it's imperative that we allow heaven's touch to straighten our path and direct our steps. Sometimes, like Saul, heaven's touch might lead us straight to the cultural landmines that we want to avoid but let's remember that our “understanding,” is limited, imperfect, and prone to error. As a result, our thinking must be enlightened by God's Word and led by the Holy Spirit instead of the popular ideas of our times.

When we do this, we recognize and accept God's authority and desire his leadership above all else. If your goal is to honor Him and serve His purposes, you can rest assured of his guidance over your life. By

submitting to God's direction and approaching every day as an opportunity to deepen your trust in God, you will discover and accomplish his ultimate purposes for your life.

APPLICATION:

Set aside 5-10 minutes today to simply thank Him for his Word, and his provision over your life. Choose to submit your emotions, your thoughts, and the battles in your mind to Him and boldly declare His perfect authority over your life.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God I know that your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Forgive me if I have not been walking according to your ways. Reveal to me the areas of my life where you're calling me to obey. I surrender my will, and my plans, and I trade them in for yours. Straighten my path and show me what you want me to do. Amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Psalms 37:3,5; 1 Chronicles 28:9

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Day 4: Help Me Focus on the Eternal

SCRIPTURE:

“So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.” 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (MSG)

OBSERVATION:

It's so easy to keep our eyes focused on the here and now, especially as the troubles that we currently face linger, and it's simply difficult to imagine that they will one day be “small potatoes.” But, take heart. The inerrant Word of God makes it clear that we are to fix our eyes on what is eternal, not temporal.

The Greek word *aionios* means “without beginning or end.” It typically means endless time. Everything on this earth is the opposite of this truth. For this reason, it's essential that we choose hope even in the face of temporal challenges. The spiritual rewards and reality that we can't physically see now are as tangible as what you can touch now. Take heart and be encouraged. Although our physical bodies are slowly deteriorating, the Spirit of God is cultivating something new in us, something that will last

forever because it's **eternal**.

APPLICATION:

Take 3-5 minutes to list all the present troubles you're facing. Surrender them to Christ, to Him who has overcome. Trade them in today, and confess that God will give you wisdom, and your spirit will be strengthened. Meditate on the song *Take Heart (MMXX)* by Hillsong Worship.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, keep my eyes on the things that are eternal. Give me clarity and focus my vision and attention on you. Give me the strength I need to resist the temporal things, while embracing your kingdom come. Align my will with your grace, and the good things you have for me and my family. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Romans 7:22; Colossians 3:10; Romans 8:18, 24; Hebrews 11:1

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Day 5: Here I Am!

SCRIPTURE:

"Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." ACTS 9:10-12 (NKJV)

OBSERVATION:

Anyone who's ever had a near death experience appreciates the importance of a quick response. In fact, a common tenet in emergency medical services is that faster response equates to better patient outcome. With just three small words, Ananias' quick response to God helped ensure that Saul would one day become the man we now know as Paul.

Whatever you're facing today, listen to what God is saying to you in this season and keep the response time short.

APPLICATION:

During these 21 Days of Possible, I encourage you to find time to be still in God's presence. Make time to simply say "Here I Am, God!" Wait for Him to speak. Don't ask for anything, just surrender, and obey Him at his word. There is nothing more powerful than complete devotion and submission to

God. He's ready to speak into your situation and into your world. Respond quickly.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Lord, I pray that you would give me a "here I am," anointing over my vision and goals! Just as Samuel, Paul, and Isaiah said, "here I am," that I would say the same, and that you would use me to bless those around me. May my vision cause others to see your Lordship. In Jesus' name, amen!

ADDITIONAL READING:

Acts 21:39; 22:3

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Day 6: I Need Your Strength to Endure

SCRIPTURE:

"This is a call for the endurance and faithfulness of the holy believers—those who follow God's commands and cling to the faith of Jesus."

REVELATION 14:12 (TPT)

OBSERVATION:

Today's verse springs out of some of the most challenging portions of scripture. There's a lot to unpack here, and we could dive deep into a theological discussion which is always fun. But, even more importantly, I want to encourage us all to see the bottom line that's packed into this verse: We must be strong and endure.

We know that the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. We know that our present sorrows may feel unbearable and overwhelming, yet our good Father has called us to faithfully endure in times of great trials and testing.

If you call yourself a follower of Christ, this is for you. You're being talked about here in Revelation 14:12. The challenge to believers is to rely completely on Him so that you can endure whatever comes your way. Our God is faithful to give us the strength we need to endure and come out victorious for His name's sake.

APPLICATION:

Ask God to show you what areas in your life you need the Holy Spirit's reinforcement to endure. Is it with colleagues or a work project? Is it fleeing from sexual temptations, or gossip? Prayerfully determine what it is, and consider identifying an accountability partner who can be praying both for you and with you.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, I need your strength to endure throughout this year and season. Give me the power of the Holy Spirit, to endure the race marked out for me. Increase my faith, and consistency as I wait for the promise you've

given me. I believe it will come to pass, and I wait in full confidence of what you will do. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Revelation 13:10

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Day 7: Speak to Me God!

SCRIPTURE:

“Jesus came back, “God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn’t get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I’m going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. 19 “And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.” MATTHEW 16:17-19 (MSG)

OBSERVATION:

The revelation of Christ the Messiah, was a HUGE deal! Peter having received the revelation from God, that Jesus was the Christ, is the foundation of the Gospel, which is the foundation of the church. It’s not in Peter, or in you or I, it’s on the prophetic declaration that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

As you prepare your heart today to say “speak to me God,” read a short passage of scripture, and meditate on His Word. Take time to engage in the long Christian tradition of *Lectio Divina*— the practice of reading a passage of scripture slowly, prayerfully meditating, and contemplating on the living word of God. Then ask yourself: What is God saying in His word to me? What does this passage mean for me? How can I apply this to my life now?

By doing this your “yes” on earth will be a yes in heaven, not because you now have authority to do whatever you want, but because you’ll have cultivated the knowledge of the Father, and with time you’ll know His heart and character.

APPLICATION:

Set aside some time today on your calendar to learn more about the practice of *Lectio Divina*, then begin to incorporate this practice into your life. As you do so, God will speak to you with what we call a “now” word.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Speak to me, God. I’m ready to listen, give me clear and vivid sensitivity to

what the Holy Spirit is revealing to me throughout this fast. Use me as a “rock,” on which you will build your church! May my life bless the whole body of Christ...and may we see our city and world come to know who you are. In Jesus’ name, amen!

ADDITIONAL READING:

1 Corinthians 15:50; Galatians 1:16; John 1:42; Matthew 18:18; John 20:23

WEEK TWO. VISION FOR MY LEADERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Day 8: Godly Leaders

SCRIPTURE:

“For this is how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. “God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it!” JOHN 3:16-17 (TPT)

OBSERVATION:

You made it to week 2 of 21 Days of Possible, and we’re so encouraged to see so many of you growing in your faith, and believing God for all that He has for you in 2021. This week we’ll be diving into God’s vision for our leaders, starting with a focus on Godly leadership. If you grew up going to Sunday school, chances are you memorized today’s verse as a child just like our Citizen Kids did this past December. We usually use this verse as the cornerstone to the salvation story, but when’s the last time you read it while considering its relationship to leadership and in this case Godly leadership?

In the text, we see God who tore the veil that kept you and I separated from his perfect holiness. He gives his most prized possession—his only Son—who also gave himself willingly so that everyone who believes in him, all people without exception, could have eternal life. That’s God’s leadership style: all-embracing. It begins with love, it’s driven by generosity, and ends on an all powerful note of personal sacrifice. Our God embraced the world to save it.

In doing so, God gave sacrificially, and modeled the kind of leadership style we can all choose to live out every day of our lives.

APPLICATION:

Take a moment to pray for your leaders, and ask yourself “What

leadership roles or responsibilities do I have in my office, on my team, or in my family?" Write those leadership roles down, and ask God to show you how to embrace others in those environments, situations, and relationships that you've been called and equipped to be a part of. God's actions in John 3:16 was one of complete and unreserved love. God did not have to provide this sacrifice for us; it was not something forced upon him yet He chose to do it anyway. Throughout this week seek ways to model an "all-embracing" style of leadership in big and small ways.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, I lift up my leaders inside of Citizen Heights, and beyond its walls. I pray that there would be a reckoning of who you are in this city and throughout this nation. May the name of Jesus be known by leaders across our nation and may we all model the all-embracing leadership style you demonstrated on calvary. Amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10; John 12:47 1 John 4:14

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Day 9: Seek God's Revelation

SCRIPTURE:

"When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray. But when you follow the revelation of the word, heaven's bliss fills your soul." PROVERBS 29:18 (TPT)

OBSERVATION:

There's nothing like a prophetic vision, other versions of this verse use the word *revelation*, which means to have a Godly perspective and understanding of your next step.

I remember when Heather and I were just newly married, I had just completed law school and was working in upstate New York with the opportunity of a lifetime before me. I was on my way to becoming the next District Attorney (DA), but in that moment I received a prophetic vision that would lead to a massive paradigm shift in my life and the future of our young family. Within a short period of time, I declined the offer to become a DA, we packed our bags, moved to Virginia and I took a job as a Youth Pastor working alongside my father-in-law. Some of my family members said "You're insane!" and my boss couldn't understand it, but I knew I had to say yes to the word, the revelation, God gave me.

When we run from God's vision and revelation, our lives can quickly fall into disarray. Although those around us couldn't understand why I turned down the DA position, I knew God had other plans and running away from his vision, his revelation was not an option. As leaders, we must choose

daily to follow God's vision and revelation for our lives especially when it's uncomfortable.

APPLICATION:

On this MLK Monday, take a moment to spend time in prayer and ask God to reveal to you the areas in your life that need His vision, his revelation. Thank God for the revelation in advance, and if you've been following that vision, the unique purpose He's given you, thank him. Thank him for what you have, where you're at, and ask him to keep refining the vision.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, thank you for providing us with vision, and direction. I pray that you would give my leaders a revelation of your word, and that this word would permeate among the leaders of the world. May they be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and may peace and solutions cover our land.

Lastly, Lord, I pray for vision for my life. I pray that you would speak to me personally, so that my vision would align with yours. I pray that you would reveal and confirm the plans you have for me. I thank you that you want to speak to me and I commit to walking out your vision, your revelation, for my life.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Psalms 1:1-2; Psalms 119:1-2; Romans 12:1-2

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Day 10: Fearlessly Spreading the Gospel

SCRIPTURE:

"One night, the Lord spoke to Paul in a supernatural vision and said, "Don't ever be afraid. Speak the words that I give you and don't be intimidated, because I am with you. No one will be able to hurt you, for there are many in this city whom I call my own." ACTS 18:9-10 (TPT)

OBSERVATION:

How reassuring is this verse? If God were to tell you these words, what would you do? How would you respond? What would your next step be? This passage tells us a lot about Paul's humanity. He faced opposition because he was sharing the gospel, and it had gotten personal. As a result, Paul was struggling with fears and doubts.

Isn't it interesting how individuals who are faithful to God sometimes feel this way? We can observe this in prophetic powerhouses like Elijah and Jeremiah. They were well equipped, and even knew all the Sunday school answers, but they still wanted to protect themselves from hurt and pain. If we're honest, we can see ourselves in their stories. But, the truth is God

always finds a way to encourage each of us, and His promise is clear: “I am with you.” Take heart and know that he will never abandon or forsake you as you fearlessly spread the good news of his kingdom.

APPLICATION:

Pray that God would continue to touch our leaders and equip them to fearlessly spread the Gospel, then ask God to reveal to you how you can take part in fearlessly sharing his Gospel of peace.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Jesus, I lift you up today, and I thank you for your word. I pray that you would give your church holy boldness today, a boldness that isn't puffed up or prideful, but one that hungers to see the lives of others brought into unity with you. Help me to remember that “it's not by might, nor by power, but by your Spirit.” Help me to be faithful to your word, and rely on your protection. Give me the boldness I need, the wisdom, and the words to share your gospel message with those who are ready to hear it. I declare clarity and unity within the church this year and in this season. Amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

1 Kings 19:4; Jeremiah 15:15

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
Day 11: Loving One Another

SCRIPTURE:

“How blessed you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God .” MATTHEW 5:9

“Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.” PSALM 34:14 (ESV)

OBSERVATION:

It's Day 11, and we've arrived at the midpoint of our 21 Days of Possible! How are you feeling? What has God been revealing to you throughout this time? Our team is receiving some incredible praise reports, and we're so excited about what God is doing in your life. One of my favorite series we dove into this past summer was *Love Thy Neighbor*.

We started this series at a pivotal moment in our nation's history. We've witnessed over the past year, months, and days a time marked by civil unrest, pain, misunderstandings, frustrations, and a growing need to pause and reflect. In the midst of all of this, Heather and I knew that as a church our mission to love one another had to take center stage, and these verses became a part of that tapestry and led us to ask again and again “How do we demonstrate love to one another?” Make peace. That's

where it begins. Matthew 5:9 says that we're blessed when we make peace, for by doing so we will be recognized as true children of God.

APPLICATION:

Take time to reflect on the peace of God. Who is God calling you to make peace with, or demonstrate his love to? Write that person's name down, and pray for them throughout the day. As you fast, pray for those around you, at your workplace, in your home, and even extended family members. Ask God to give you creative ways to demonstrate his love to them, and exercise the peace that He's given you. If you need creative solutions or ideas visit our *Love Thy Neighbor* page on our website to find a list of practical ways you can start loving your neighbor right where you're at. Lastly, let's pray for our nation, our leaders, and our world.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, thank you that you sit on the throne and your Lordship is eternal. I pray that your kingdom come, and that your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven. I pray for peace across our nation, and our world. I pray for this coming administration, that you would give our leaders your wisdom, and that you'd pour out your spirit throughout this nation. Protect the weak and vulnerable, and show me how I can love my neighbors today, this week, this month, and this year. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Romans 8:14; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:14-16; Psalms 37:27; Hebrews 12:14

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Day 12: Authentic, Humble Leadership

SCRIPTURE:

“So. I'm asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. PHILIPPIANS 2:2-3 (TPT)

The disciples bickered over which one of them would be considered the greatest in the kingdom. 25 Jesus interrupted their argument, saying, “The kings and men of authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, claiming that they do it for the good of the people. They are obsessed with how others see them. 26 But this is not your calling. You will lead by a different model. The greatest one among you will live as one called to serve others without honor. The greatest honor and authority is

reserved for the one who has a servant heart. 27 The leaders who are served are the most important in your eyes, but in the kingdom, it is the servants who lead. Am I not here with you as one who serves you? LUKE 22:24-27

OBSERVATION:

We live in an influential city, arguably the most influential city in the world. Yet, each and every one of us are called to be authentic, and humble leaders. Authentic leadership is reflecting God’s love in every situation and place whether it’s at the gym, in Foggy Bottom, on Zoom, on Capitol Hill, or in a boardroom.

A common enemy of unity in the church is our natural tendency to promote our own interests while refusing to consider the views and perspectives of others. We see this on every corner of Washington, D.C. and throughout the DMV.

Part of our sinful, God-defying nature is self-centeredness, which is compounded by a society that doesn’t typically reward humility. However, humility is a key quality of Christ-like character, and is a part of how we demonstrate authentic leadership. The Bible’s God-centered view of humanity and spiritual salvation places the highest importance on humility, not our personal interests.

Bottom line: Model authentic and humble leadership in all places at all times.

APPLICATION:

Thank God for using your broken pieces to do good work in the world around you. Ask God to restore and expand the servant’s heart He’s placed inside of you.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Jesus thank you for the leadership you demonstrated while on earth. Help me exchange my ways for yours. Help me demonstrate Godly humility in every area of my life. I pray for my leaders, and believe that unity and humility will become leadership values and principles that are cherished and demonstrated by them in Jesus’s name. Amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

John 3:29; Galatians 5:26; Romans 12:10; Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46; 1 Peter 5:5; Luke 9:46; Matthew 20:28; Luke 12:37

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Day 13: Spirit Led Leaders

SCRIPTURE:

“And, a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them”. ACTS 16:9-10

OBSERVATION:

Here we see Paul, led by the Spirit, packing his bags and obeying God. Has God ever spoken to you so directly in your spirit and told you to do something? Maybe it was in a vision, or maybe just a thought? God speaks to each of us in ways that are familiar to our own understanding. Just as Paul was led by the Spirit, you too can follow God’s lead as he speaks to you through his word and promptings.

APPLICATION:

Ask the Spirit of God to give you direction, and to speak to your heart. Ask him to close the doors that need to be closed, and open the ones that He wants you to walk through. Walk in obedience, and in the confidence that He’s given you.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

God, I thank you that you hear me when I pray. I thank you for the revelations you’ve given me during this fast, and throughout my life. I pray that you would give visions and dreams to my leaders the same way you gave them to Paul. Visions and dreams filled with direction, for the good of your people.

I also pray that you give me fresh vision and dreams throughout this season. Help me to obey your call, and help me to be a spirit led leader in my sphere of influence. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

2 Corinthians 2:12; 2 Timothy 4:13; Acts 9:10

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Day 14: Servant Leaders

SCRIPTURE:

“After washing their feet, he put his robe on and returned to his place at the table. “Do you understand what I just did?” Jesus said. “You’ve called me your teacher and Lord, and you’re right, for that’s who I am. So if I’m your teacher and Lord and have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I’ve set for you and wash one another’s dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you.” JOHN 13:12-15 (TPT)

OBSERVATION:

We’ve talked a lot about what it means to be humble this week! We’ve affirmed that humility requires surrender, peace, love and a deep desire to put others before yourself. All of this can be captured in the image of Christ washing the feet of his disciples.

Maybe you come from a Christian tradition where this wasn’t practiced, but the early church appears to have followed Jesus’ example and literally obeyed his command to humbly wash one another’s feet. The act of washing one another’s feet depicts the heart posture of a servant leader. Just as Christ, God in the flesh, was willing to humble himself by washing the dirty feet of those who surrounded him, we too must be willing to humble ourselves and serve just as He did.

APPLICATION:

Ask God to birth inside of you the heart of a servant leader. As you fast, ask him to reveal to your heart the Words in scripture that He wants you to put into practice right now. Pray for your leaders, that God would continue to give them a servant's heart, and that He would open your eyes to the needs around you and how you can serve.

If you haven’t done so, consider writing out your personal prayer requests and what you believe God is speaking to your heart.

PRAYER & DECLARATION:

Jesus, thank you for exemplifying the traits of a servant leader. Thank you for being a guide for me, my leaders, and the leaders of the world. Teach me, and help me exemplify servant leadership the way Jesus did. In your name I pray, amen.

ADDITIONAL READING:

Philippians 2:11; Matthew 10:24