

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2015: Turnin' it Up!
Remember the Vision

TEXT: 1Ki 13:1-24

This is a story about a man who heard from God, but got pulled off course by another person who said he had heard something different. One of the great challenges we face is not letting ourselves be distracted from the commission God gave us as a people.

2014 was quite a journey, and we got much accomplished. The other side of that is that we have put lots of time and energy into the building at the expense of some of the things that are integral to our success. Time to refocus, refine, and refire.

- ♥ Pat Harrison (at our building dedication) on the power of the vision
 - Pro 29:18 MSG If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves;
 - Many Important words to us in those meetings:
 - "The fountain of God's healing power involves spirit, soul, and body."
 - "I believe your vision will change millions of people's lives."
 - "A vision never leaves things the way they are. It leads us to change things for the better."
 - **Take Note:** "Just because we've come to this building doesn't mean the vision has stopped and it's over. It just means we're keepin' goin'. It's gonna expand, folks. And in that expansion you've gotta stay together. You've got to learn how to administrate the things of God."
 - Hab 2:2-3 Some of you are here because you see the vision and you want to run with it
- ♥ **FCFT Vision/Commission: "Open a Fountain of My Healing Power in this place" We do this by Repairing broken people, preparing willing people, and celebrating the goodness of God.**
 - **2015:** "I am turning it up." Get ready for the Fountain to flow.
 - A fountain is a source. Jn 4:14
 - "The fountain of God's healing power involves spirit, soul, and body. "
 - "If you will give place to the things of the Spirit, I will show you great and mighty things that you know not of."

- Our plan is simple:
 - Connect and disciple:
 - Repair broken people: Spirit soul, and body.
 - Prepare willing people: FMTI
 - Celebrate the goodness of God;
 - Keep God good and the devil bad. Psa 145:7
 - Encourage a lifestyle of personal worship. Eph 5:18-20 .
- 2014 saw lots of great stuff:
 - We bought a building, with everything that entailed. The real miracle is how much we continued without a let-up.
 - We did massive outreach (While buying a building)
 - We maintained and expanded our pastoral ministries locally:
- ♥ So what's up for 2015: He is turning up the fountain.
 - Joh 4:14 The water will come from Him. He will turn it up. Those who will can drink. (Rev 22:17) Those who drink will become sources of life.
 - Psa 36:5-10 Our focus has to be on the unfailing love of God in the midst of grievous evil. All humanity finds shelter. Loving people without compromising principle is a huge challenge in our day. There must be abundance in the house of God for those who come to drink at the fountain. We can't do it. We have to foster His power flowing in this place and among this people.
 - Neh 3:15 Repairing the gate of the fountain leading to the pool of Siloam. We will need to do the things necessary to repair and keep open the gate to the fountain
 - Preparation includes: Removing obstacles, Enhancing the flow, identifying and repairing hindrances, Preparing people to carry people to the water and/or water to the people
 - **REMEMBER:** "It's gonna expand, folks. And in that expansion you've gotta stay together. You've got to learn how to administrate the things of God."
 - The fountain is going to be turned up
 - We have to stay together.
 - We have to learn to do what is necessary to administrate the things of God.