

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Surely: Things You Can Count on in Turbulent Times
6: Surely Your Vision Will Happen

TEXT: Amos 3:7 / Habakkuk 2:1-4

The world is being shaken.. Fear is the theme of the day. **It is a great time to build our faith in the things we have which cannot be shaken**, things that are sure for us. We rejoice that we are living in a day when God's voice is shaking the heavens and the earth. We know that goodness and mercy are following us, that deliverance is near, and we are protected in the midst of calamity. We can also live above the "health care scare," and leave the legacy of an unshakeable life: Jesus is surely coming. You have a God-given part in the end time plan.

- 1) **You are the primary prophet for your life**
 - a) Under the Old Covenant, the nation of Israel was guided by anointed Prophets, Priests, and Kings.
 - b) Under the New Covenant, you are a king and a priest: Revelation 1:6 / Romans 5:17 / 1 Peter 2:5
 - c) The Old Testament prophet's office ceased to exist after Calvary. Now you can be led by the Spirit of God
 - i) Spiritual leaders watch for our souls, Hebrew 13:17.
 - ii) The Spirit of God will guide you. Romans 8:14-16
- 2) **God has a plan for you:** Ephesians 2:10
 - a) Your responsibility is to grow up, prepare yourself, and seek His direction. 1Peter 2:2 / 2 Timothy 3:16-17 / Hebrews 11:6
 - b) What things has God spoken to you in the past?
 - c) What do you see for the year ahead?
- 3) Why do the things God speaks to you fail to come? Habakkuk said they would surely come, but there are principles to apply
- 4) **Let's do this:** Follow the instructions:
 - a) **Hear God:** Get alone with God until you know what He is saying.
 - i) Don't allow life to rule you. Put first things first!!!
 - ii) The vision must be yours so you can act on it..
 - iii) What do you picture happening in 2018?
 - b) **Write the vision.** Until it's written, it's only a pipe dream.
 - i) If you can't write it, you don't understand it.

- ii) If you don't understand it, you can't do it or share it.
- c) **Make it plain.** Simplify, simplify, simplify.
 - i) It must be in behavioral terms: what do I do?.
 - ii) There must be **tangible steps** are taken. Write the steps.
 - iii) Put a bite-sized chunk on your planner each week.
- d) **Publish it:** Put it somewhere you can see it.
 - i) If you don't hear it, read it and understand it, you can never run with it (Get it out of the notebook)
 - ii) Share it with others. They will either run, or not.
 - (1) God will bring you runners if you need them. Share with someone who will keep you focused. Hebrews 10:24-25
- e) **Learn to live in hope:** It will not tarry. Keep it where it will remind you of itself.
 - i) It is timed by God. There may be prep steps and phases you don't know about that God is doing in you, or in others to get it ready. The fulfillment is for a specific time, and you don't know it!
 - ii) When it is time, the vision will speak, and it won't be enigmatic. You will know it. Your job is to wait for it.
 - iii) Don't get anxious and try to make it happen. No Ishmaels. The vision is doing the work
- f) **It will take faith.** Don't get proud and try to do it yourself.
 - i) If it is not done by faith, there is no reward. Hebrews 11:6 / Romans 14:23
 - ii) Faith speaks: What are you saying? 2 Corinthians 4:13
- g) Here we go. What has God put in your heart for 2018"
 - i) Write it. Get started!
 - ii) Simplify it: Plain language.
 - iii) Put it in steps: bite sized chunks
 - iv) Put it where you can see it: Before your eyes
 - v) Apply faith: say something
 - vi) Run: do something
 - vii) Persevere: don't quit

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.
(Ephesians 2:10 NLT)