

Vision 2019 – The Three P's People – Place – Power

Introduction:

1. This new year is filled with amazing possibilities
2. Each year magazines and newspapers give their predictions
3. ***Ephesians 5:145-17 "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."***
4. ***"Show me, O Lord, my life's end & the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" [Psalm 39:4]. And then again, "The length of our days is 70 years - or 80, if we have the strength...they quickly pass, & we fly away" [Psalm 90:10].***
5. Time is relative – so much to do so little time!
6. ***Proverbs 17:24 "An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions."***
7. I want to share with you what the Lord has put on our heart for 2019
8. PEOPLE : PLACE : POWER

PEOPLE:

1. ***Isaiah 52:6 - Therefore my people will know my name; therefore, in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."***
2. Two things stand out
 - a) He says we – His people – will know His name
 - b) Hineni – God is saying ***"Here I am or Here am I"***
3. The first time God referred to Himself as ***"I Am"*** was in Exodus
4. ***Exodus 3:14 -15 "God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.***
5. God wanted to assure Moses and Israel that God would become what they would need Him to become.
6. In using the words ***"I AM THAT I AM,"*** God used an expression to reveal to Moses a promise and pledge found in His name.
7. The words ***"I AM THAT I AM "*** are ***"Ehyeh asher Ehyeh"*** – more accurately translated ***"I will be what I will be "*** or ***I will become whatsoever I may become"***
8. In these verses God is assuring and pledging to Moses and Israel that He will be there for them whatever the situation
9. This promise found in the name of God can be extended to the whole world – including for you
10. Story of FedEx – the ability to send and receive packages
11. We have been commissioned by the Lord - Speaking the Benediction over you

PLACE:

1. ***Psalm 32:7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me***

2. September 11 marked all of us for life – story of Todd Beamer
3. Story of 10-year veteran of NY Fire Department – David Fontana
4. His colleague – Sean Cummins “*hoping to find Dave’s body, or helmet or scrap of his uniform. Anything so Marian Fontana will have something to visit on Sunday afternoons.*”
5. In scripture, we find this story – the king had died and Isaiah went to the temple and met with God there
6. **“Woe is me I am unclean” “Who will go for me” “Here am I, send me”**
7. The rest of the book of Isaiah is a record of how he served God
8. It is really a story of how heroes develop – it is a story of Place
9. There are many unsung heroes right here – only heaven know what they have done and continue to do in the name of Him whose name is above all other names

POWER:

1. ***Ps 147:5 “Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure”***
2. Jesus made the promise to give us His power and authority when He said to Peter in ***Matthew 16:18*** when He said to Peter: ***“The gates of Hades will not be able to withstand or withhold the advancing church.”***
3. We live in two realms – the spiritual and the natural
4. Do you understand the power we have as believers?
5. When I read the Gospels, I’m seeing the CEO of the church not just telling us what to do, but *modeling* for us what he wants us to do.
6. How many of us have ever thought of our bodies being vessels that carry the power of God, the very power that raised Jesus Christ from death?
7. For us to do the ministry of Jesus, we are going to need a power that is greater than what we possess in and of ourselves.
8. That is why He sent the Holy Spirit
9. Power is the capacity due to my *life posture*
10. Rebellion will marginalize the power of God in our lives
11. Renewal, rejuvenation, and reformation of the church are crucial to God's mission.
12. I am nauseated by me-centered Christianity
13. The motivation for our relationship with Jesus must be to glorify him, enjoy his fellowship, and advance his kingdom and name
14. Paul reminded young Timothy in ***2 Timothy 1:7 “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control”***
15. Story of 2016 World Series with Chicago Cubs *“remember who you are”*

REMEMBER:

1. Remember ***who you are and whose you are***
2. You are the **People of God**
3. You are in the right **Place**
4. You have been given the **Power** to walk in His victory into His history for your life