**Vision**

**What is Vision?**

“Show me your Vision and I tell you your future.”
“Everyone needs an individual and a corporate vision.”
“If you can see the invisible you can do the impossible.”
“God puts a vision inside you that is bigger than you.”

Proverbs 29,18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law,
happy is he.” (KJV)

In reverse this means: “Where is vision people live.”

Vision, in Hebrew châzôn (khaw-zone'), means to have a mental view, perspective (e.g. a dream, revelation)

“perish” means there are no boundaries, no limits, no focus
“perish” means to get exposed, get naked, get uncovered

Vision is a mental picture of a future state that is forceful enough to mold your present.

It is god inspired hope and expectation planted in the heard of a man as a seed made a real imagination by the holy spirit that is bigger and more real to you than anything you see external.
A man with a vision has the past as a teacher, the present as an opportunity to grow and the future is not the enemy to fear. When god has you, god has your future.
=> God knows the plan for your future. What is worse than being blind? To have sight without a vision.

The key to have a vision is seeing with spiritual eyes. Open spiritual eyes and ears lead to revelation. Revelation means god removes your veil. Then you see a word by the holy spirit.

1. Corinthians 2:9-11:

“But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which god hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” (KJV)

=> Vision is given by sight by spirit of god

**How does god reveal his secrets, the mysteries of god?** By revelation.

Pray: “Holy spirit please download a vision to me.”
Pray: “Holy spirit please download to me the secret things.”

Job 32:8

“But there is a spirit in man: and the **inspiration** of the Almighty giveth them **understanding**.” (KJV)

“inspiration” means to be “in spirit”.
When you are in spirit the almighty god gives you understanding. Understanding is a synonym for revelation.

You have a spirit in you that allows god to give you understanding / revelation.
Your vision is your future, trust the vision inside you more than you see in the natural.
It is what the holy spirit is saying in me and through me. It is what the spirit of god shows you.

Vision is the bridge from your present into your future. God gives you a plan for your vision; God is a longterm planer. God planed for you to be a vision keeper / a foundation.

How do we bring a vision / promises into concrete reality?

The most important: Stop looking back (Deuteronomy 34; Joshua 1)

Habakkuk 2:2-3

“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 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.”

=> When you bind yourself to the vision god brings the provision to bring the vision to pass. Provision can be: the right people in your life, the right finance, the right job, etc.

God is responsible to bring the provision for your needs as long as you step up and be an anticipator and no spectator. Vision is a witness of what is coming and it is coming and it does not lie even if it seems to come slow. God knows everything before he put everything in place.

The strategy:
1. “Write down your vision” => get an action plan or a mission statement
2. “Make it plain” => define the goals and objectives
3. “Define or set up a team” => noone is winning alone
4. “Run your vision” => implement it

You have to develop for yourself!

Helpful questions for this:
- What is your statement of purpose on the earth? (You have to develop a personal statement of your purpose)
- Who are you?
- What are you?
- Why are you?
Without an answer to these questions you spend a lifetime wandering.
Wanderer never take possession.

Where are you? Locate yourself!

God asked Jacob: Who are you? Jacob: I am Jacob.
Boas asked Ruth: Who are you? Ruth: I am Ruth, a Moabit.

Difference of blessing people and building people:
You can get blessed today and stressed tomorrow. Why? Blessings come and go.
Building means to develop yourself, your family, your vision, etc.

Answering the questions “Who are you? What are you? Why are you?”
let you stop wandering and that is when you begin to understand who you are.
Wanderers are frustrated of up and downs and Wanderers are hooked up on surviving.

When you are a wanderer then it is supposed to be part of a curse for people.
Wanderers get expelled out of position, relationship to people, security and have to work hard for the rest of their life.

=> Wanderers never know god’s presence because they never know their position, never feel secure, never feel part of something, never feel connected / belong to something.

According to Acts 17 you are connected to greatness, glory, covery, something bigger than you.

The reason for existence is not what you have or possess but to fulfill the intention god has for your life.
=> God designed a purpose for your life

Being connected to a church is part of your purpose because you are never able to fulfill your purpose outside of your church. The church is the only legal entity to bring transformation. God died for the church and is married to the church.

There are two important days in your life:
The day you are born and the day you discover why.

A person who knows why he/she is born has confidence in his/her purpose and cannot be shaken.

Ephesians 1:11-12

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the councel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

How do you find out who you are? In Christ!
God has his eyes on you long before you became a believer with a design / purpose at hand for glorious living.

What is your purpose and how to discover it?

It is my being fitted into form: job, profession, ministry, etc. are expressions of the form. When you identify your purpose you can integrate it into your daily life.

Mark 8:27-29

“And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.”

If you know who you are then it does not matter what people think / say about you

“Oh, I’m the devil? Prophet? Thaliban?”

**Vision: Keeping to the plan**

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

Noone is supposed to fulfill your purpose / destiny. If you deal with “Oh, what they have done to me” you cannot arise.

Look from this perspective:
Everything in your life is either a blessing or a lesson. If it is no blessing then it is teaching you something. Thank god for your enemies because they do more for you than any of your friends can do. Every hater make you mere stronger. Every doubter make believe better. Every person who says “you cannot make” pushes you to say “With god I can do all things”.

God is a rewarder for those who diligently seek him.

“Reward” means god pays, hires and remunerate.
“Remunerate” means to compensate for the job that was done.
=> God is hiring somebody to advance god’s kingdom

=> The key to the vision is to say “I work hard for you, god”

It is ultimately not the person with a big dream or vision but it is a person who work the dream god places inside.

How do we do it?

Faith is a substance we hope for, substance means foundation, faith is “total trust”
=> “total trust” is a foundation for what I “possess”, “believe” and what I desire.

How do you posses your vision / promise? => total trust

God is asking you for one thing: to trust him
Without faith your works are dead because faith is acting on the word of god.

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Four components:
1. “Write down the vision” => get an action plan or mission statement

2. “Make it plain” => clearly define the goals and objectives

3. “that he” => define a team

4. “may run that readeth it” => implement the vision

Implementing the vision means:

=> make yourself ready to make your hands dirty
=> I do not let to get an opportunity pass me by
=> I turn a plan, action items, mission statement, dreams into a fact
=> Implement means to put a dream, a plan into a fact
=> Today is the day to make that decision

A lot of people talk about a vision, only a few actually carry out a vision. A lot of people think about a vision, only a few execute a vision.

Depending on your decision you are at the end either a spectator or a participator.
Where do you want to be? On the sidelines or on the field?

Being in the field means:
I might get run over, knocked down but in the name of Jesus I stand up and bring the ball over the goal line.

“If god is for me who can be against me”

James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (KJV)

James 1:22-24 “Don’t fool yourself in the thinking you’re a listener when you are anything but let in the word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and do not act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later they have no idea who they are.“ (MSG)

Hidden message:

If you don’t take action you lose your identity. If you lose your identity you will never complete your purpose / destiny. If the enemy wants to rob your purpose / destiny he confuses your identity. Your identity is your nature and essence of who you are.

You are NOT where you have been, NOT what you have done, NOT what happened to you. You are who god says you are, you can do what god says you can do. Those who take action know who they are.

James 1:25 “But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of god – the free life! – even out of the corner of his eye, and **sticks with it**, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.“ (MSG)

=> The key to keep on the vision is to walk in the place you have never been before.
=> Outside of the comfort zone feels “funny” to your flesh.

God said to Abraham, leave your family and country and walk into a land I will give to you. (= out of comfort zone)

God is not concerned about you being purposeful. There is divine description of your life and supreme reason for your existence (Psalm 139). And it is impaired / prepared that you fulfill it.

James 2:20 “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

The pattern is:
Faith + Works => Promise

The plan of god does not come by saying “kumbaya” or whatever “magic word”. You got to work the plan of god and the plan of god will work for you. The only place where you find success before work is in the dictionary.
You need to work on the plan / vision without looking back what is behind you.

Abraham brought Isaac up the mountain => that is faith
Preparing the altar for the sacrifice => that is works
God stopped Abraham and pointed to the ram buck => there is the promise
Isaac became the father for many nations

Ruth leaves Moab (and everything she knows: people, culture, etc. and goes with a woman in bitterness) => that is faith
Ruth is cleaning on the field => works (and Boas notices her)
Ruth marries Boas => promise for Ruth fulfilled

In order to see the affect of your obedience you must put forth your effort.

Ecclesiastic 5:3 “For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words.”
=> If you only talk about a vision the bible calls you a fool
=> If you just do it then you don’t tell everyone but let the fruit speak for itself.

Without works you will miss the promise every time.
Everything boils down to the decision: Be a spectator or a participator.

The only thing you can archieve without effort is failure.
Effort is a difficult excursion to strengthen the will.
There are two enemies to bring effort: laziness and fear

How do you act in difficult times?

How do you act in easy/comfortable times?

Having faith or developing faith in difficulty times is often easier than in comfortable times.

You do what you don’t want to do and you do not do what you want to do (Romans 7)
but a vision brings you back on track.

With a vision you don’t want to stay in the comfort zone. You cannot live in a ministry all along the same way.

This is not about living in sin but living in comfort. This is about saying “I am a world changer because of the vision” and “It is painful with little things but knows god called for big things”.

Mediocrity is the enemy to greatness:

1. Mediocrom means being moderate, inferior to quality, being ordinary or on average. If what you do makes sense to your mind it is probably what you can do on your own. If what you do takes faith and total trust then you know god is involved.

2. Opening the door to your future requires you to shut the door to your past. Elijah burned everything he had and followed the call to be a prophet. When difficult times come, you go back to familiar places.

Make no provisioning to familiar places. In other words: Seal the shut door to the past.
=> No turn around
=> Keep eyes on Jesus, don’t look back what other disciples do
=> Keep moving forward

**Vision: Breaking the patterns that block your vision I**

It is hard to understand the destiny / purpose of a person when you don’t understand where he / she has been.

History of Abraham:

Genesis 11:27-32:

“Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram’s wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son’s son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram’s wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.” (KJV)

Nutshell:
11:27 Terah has three sons: Abram, Nahor and Haran. Haran got Lot.
11:28 Lot’s Father (Haran) dies.
11:29 Abram took Sarai as wife, Nahor took Milcah as wife, Milcah is daughter of Haran
11:30 Sarai got no child, unbearable
11:31 Terah takes Abram, Lot, Sarai went from Ur to Haran (same name as Lot’s dead father)
11:32 Terah dies

Terah

Abram

Nahor

Haran

Lot

Milcah

Iscah

The middle man, Nahor, that is left marries the daughter of the died brother Haran.
Lot is the Nephew of Abram.

Genesis 13:14-18:

“*And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.* And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there and altar unto the LORD.” (KJV)

Focus on Verses 14 and 15:

“…, **after** that Lot was **separated** from him …”

=> There is something that will not be revealed to you till you get rid of your Lot
=> What is Lot naturally and spiritually in your life?

“Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place” where you are. “For all the land which thou seest, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed for ever.”

According to Galatians (3:16 ; 3:19 ; 3:29) you are in Christ the seed of Abraham and the blessing of Abraham belongs to you.
=> God is also saying to you “Lift up your eyes …”
=> There are things god wants to reveal to you for you to possess, your spirit doesn’t know, your mind can’t see, your eyes can’t comprehend it because there are things in your life
=> What Abstractions, Hindrances and obstacles are blocking your vision?

This can be:
- a person that is holding you back
- a spirit that is operating through every person
- a situation that is holding you back from your promise land, corporately or individually it has to leave

When god reveals you something then you get exaltation, you get lifted up.

God’s principle: Leave and Cleave
root-word of principle is “prince” => meaning dominion or ruling

=> a principle or rule shipper is a fundamental law which other law’s and all other truth are based on

God’s first implementation of “Leave and Cleave” is Genesis 2:24
“Therefore shall a man **leave** his father and his mother, and shall **cleave** unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

“Leave” means loosen yourself / to relinquish
It might hurt for a moment but you will be glad about it in the longrun.
If it is part of your purpose it cannot leave you.
If it is not it cannot stay with you.

After loosening there must be a cleaning, a hearing, a follow-close, a hard after, to well to join to

“Cleave” means to clean, to hear, to follow-close, a hard after, to well to be joined together

Genesis 12:1 God says to Abram and also to us
“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred”

It is not that god has a problem with family because god is the one who created the divine sacred institution of marriage and family but family can often be the most toxic culture for us. Sometimes everybody can/will see the greatness in your life but those who are closest to you.

Jesus in Nazareth was perceived as Joseph’s carpenter son. Jesus was not perceived as Messiah or savior. => Jesus could not do any miracles in Nazareth.

If there is something that is holding you back from entering god’s calling or stops you from becoming what god called you to be you gonna need to label it toxic.
=> God is saying “Get out of there because that culture is **not** good for you”

Culture is
- not an unicity
- an environment
- a climate
- an attitude
- a perception
- a way of thinking
- a way we filter things
- a paragon

If you end up in a culture that is holding you back it is time to leave, it is time to relinquish, it is time to be loosen.

There are some people in your life that do not move into the place god has for you because every time your faith begins to sore their fear begins to infiltrate you. In other words: They tell you all the reasons you cannot do it, all the reasons you cannot be it, they remind you who you are in their eyes and where you have been come from.

=> God is saying “Get out of your country and from your kindfolk”
=> This is where we get stuck because it is hard to separate us

It is hard to separate from people we love, we are custom for, we have an infinity for, from a job we have responsibility for
Separation brings us to a new realm of revelation. With revelation you start worshipping which brings exaltation.

When you let go off from things that should no longer be part of your life and get on the promises of your future then god brings the provisioning: the right people, the right finance, the right resources, the right things

“Jahwe-Jireh” or “Jehova-Jireh” means the Lord will provide.

=> This means complete unlimited provision without any further requirements.
The biggest frustration for people is that they can see the vision in part but don’t have the provision.

There are seven separations to make:

1. Your country which represents the culture (Genesis 12:1)
2. The kindred which are the family you are grown up (Genesis 12:1)
3. Egypt (Genesis 13:1)
4. Lot (Genesis 13:1)
5. Desire to get well (Genesis 14:21-24)
6. Ishmael which represents anything you birth that is not a promise from god
(Genesis 17:18 ; 21:9-14)
7. Isaac (Genesis 22:1-4)

Isaac is the ultimate test because it is worship in the pure sense.
The hardest thing to separate from is when god gives you his promise you have been waiting for and he asks it back. This is the highest level of sacrifice. It is not just letting go the past, not letting go the baggage, not letting go off desires, it is when the promise is given to you and can you give it back to god?

=> That is the ultimate test that all things belong to god.

It took 25 years for Abraham to get the promise at the age of 99 years.
=> Lots of talk about Abraham’s faith and patience and everything else.
But: Why do you wait longer for you promise than you need to?
Answer: It is not just because we need to develop patience but because there is disobedience to an instruction from god in the past.

Partial obedience is disobedience. Just because you have it done partially, doesn’t mean you do it right. God won’t promote you till you got it right.
Abraham wasted 6 years in Haran, a dead place, where things from the past were holding him back.

What are you wasting because you are in a place that is dead?
How much time / energy have you wasted into something that is not part of your future?

It took a crisis to Abraham (his father dies) to continue to move.

Sometimes god shakes us through a crisis as an strategic inflection point.
A crisis is literally a turning for the better or worse.

That’s why you can take what the enemy meant for bad and turn it for good; because opposition work for you
=> the pits of your journey to the palace

Genesis 12:4

“So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.”

=> God never said to Abram to take Lot and God never told Lot to leave with Abram.
God did **not** speak to Lot.

God said very specifically what to get out of (Genesis 12:1).
God does not tell you everything of your destiny / purpose because you cannot deal with all the details anyway.

God shows you each step and show’s you the next as you walk in obedience.

Lot attaches to Abram => Pattern

Genesis 12:1; 12:4; 13:1

The closer you get to your future there are things that do **not** belong to your future are following you. There are things that need to be severed.
Lot is a leech => He see’s the blessing of Abram, attaches to him to get the same blessing (Genesis 12:5)

Abram did not walk in his fullness of his life but was spiritually great. Spirits know what you carry. Spirits discern better. Good people can be used by bad spirits. There are life-draining spirits that wanna literally hijack your destiny / purpose and suck your life out. Watch what follows you when you start your journey into your promise land.

Lot’s name means to wrap, to conceal, to cover, to veil.
He has a hidden agenda. There are people with an hidden agenda. Not everyone with you is for you. It doesn’t mean you hate them. You love them. The point is they are after your blessings.

Abram never invited Lot to follow. Lot invited himself to follow Abram. Lot is a leech that suck out your blood out of your life.

There are attitudes, languages that cannot take you into your promise land.

They are always negative, always critical, always toxic, they are always saying what’s wrong with you and what you cannot do. They are always pulling you down; no matter how close they are – some things, some people have to be separated.

The hard part: This is an Abram issue, not a Lot issue because Lot is a leech by nature.

Abram has no boundaries, all blessings, and still struggles with an issue (Lot is Abram’s nephew)

The problem is: Lot is a leech and Abram is allowing it.

Where does this issue start?

Genesis 12:1 : It starts with disobedience.

=> Work out your own salvation with much fear and trembling

Isaiah 51:2

“Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him **alone**, and blessed him, and increased him.” (KJV)

=> What the heck is Abraham doing with Lot?
Consequences of disobedience when you allow / take things that don’t belong to you.

1. He compromise (Genesis 12:10-14)
Abraham lies about his wife (1. Corinthians 15:33 “Do not be deceived”)
=> Bad company corrupts good character
Lot will rob-off on you, he is not a good character
2. Quarreling (Genesis 13:7)
Strive means a contest or competition
Proverbs 17:19 “Whoever loves a quarrel loves sin; whoever builds a high gate invites destruction.” (KJV)

God is not a god of division, fraction, pulling away. There are always people who loves the fight and they are always draining your energy, drain you emotionally.

Genesis 13:7

“And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram’s cattle and the herdmen of Lot’s cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.”

Abram has spiritual authority.
The Canaanite is a marching or pedlar spirit.

The perrizzite is an open-contrary or unward spirit.

What Abram should have been able to conquer he has to deal with them because of the disobedience. Why? Lot is a leaner.

Genesis 13:9

“Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.”

There are people which are leaner and there are lifters, there are people who take from you and who give to you.

Ecclesiastics 3:1+5:

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace, and a time to **refrain** from embracing;”

“Refrain” means a time to loose or a time to be loosed => Principle of leaving

Abram realizes the differences:

1. The altar: Abram built an altar, Lot never built an altar
=> Abram served god out of sacrifice, Lot served god out of convenience
=> it is convenient to get what Abram already had

Genesis 12:7-8 ; 13:3-4 ; 13:18 => Abram built an altar

If a baby Christian asks you to pray for something => do it
If a major Christian asks you to pray for the same thing over and over again
=> foretell to pray for himself to grow
This is not about equal giving but equal sacrifice. We will never possess the promise land out of convenience.
God knows how much time capacity, resources, everyone has
=> when you give what you can then this is out of sacrifice
=> build the altar
Everybody wants to get the blessing but not everybody wants to build an altar
This is about implementing the building of god’s plan / purpose in your life,
what will stop you? The same thing.
Abram stopped: Lot is always stopping you
You identify Lot as Leech because it does not want to pay the price:
he does not want to pray through,
he does not want to get through,
he does not want to fast through
This is ok for a baby Christ but never for a major Christ

1. A different mold of the heart:
Abram was a giver, Lot was a taker
Genesis 13:9-11: Lot looks after what looks the best

Abram just settled the situation
=> You don’t have to win every battle, just settle it
This is what leeches always do: They take the best

If you don’t set barriers they take from you.
At some point you can’t be every bodies fixer, enabler, etc.

1. Faith:
Abram lived by faith, Lot by sight
2. Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight”
Genesis 13:10: “And Lot lifted up his eyes and wanted what he could see”
Abram: I trust you god

Hebrew: 11:8: Abram walked by faith
Lot has no relationship, it is an entanglement, a snare, a complication which produces controlling behavior, distrust, intimacy problems

Lot represents ungodly attachments.
You will not be able to move into your vision with provision with ungodly attachments in your life. Any person’s mindset, habit or attitude against god’s word is an ungodly attachment.

Lot represents unforgiveness, bitterness, disobedience, distraction which is an unhealthy attraction you feel responsible for but is an unhealthy one
As long as Lot is in your life you are stuck

Genesis 13:14-15: “**After** Lot was separated from him …”
“place” means standing, not just where you are standing, also **how** you are standing (condition, location) **from** the place means above
=> mental uplifting (Lot keeps you low)
=> God cannot show you what you cannot see.

**Vision: Breaking the patterns that block your vision II**

“If god puts something in you, you should materialize it around you.”

Luke 6:6-10

“And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.
Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? To save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.”

“It is in your hand!”

Stretch out your hand it means “to extend, to expand, to increase, to enlarge”
When you extend beyond to where you are you start to see increase and enlargement.

“The hand was completely **restored**”

“restored” does not just means “back again” but also means “to be reconstituted”.
“to reconstituted something” means “to be build up again from parts”

“parts” are gonna a completeness, it means to placedown permanently, to designate, to constitute, to ordain

=> God is saying when Jesus said “Stretch out your hand”:
“There is a permanent designation to expand, to enlarge, to increase your hand.”

=> You have to understand the power of your hand (Matthew 6:3-4)

(Don’t wait till you loosed something to say “thank you Lord”)

You might not where you want to be but you are certainly where you are used to be.

Luke 6:8-10: The man had a striveled hand
=> stopped functioning
=> was incapacitated

There are things in your life that make you stop functioning or make you incapacitated.
Examples: Divorce, Disappointment, fired from a job, betrayer, made a bad business decision, slept with the wrong person, disease, etc.

Things happen that incapacitates you and you stop functioning the way you should.
You have seasons in your life that you know god made you for more.
Problem: When you lose your mobility it affects your freedom.
You can say whom the son sets free is free indeed but if you don’t have mobility you are not free. => You loose mobility you loose freedom.

The enemy wants really to shut you down. The enemy wants my mobility.

Interesting point: Every part of your anatonomy is important and purposeful to function for your well-being. When one little thing fells off it can affect everything. Maybe not from one moment to the next but it can transient to everything over time.

=> Problem is not what we have
(“We have nothing and yet everything” 2. Corinthians 6:10)
but what we have is not working.

The man in Luke 6:8 **did have** a hand, it is not that he had no hand, the hand was not working. It is amazing how you can serve god under stress.
Some people assume because they have faith everything goes right for you. But your faith does not prevent life it cares you through life. Sometimes people misjudge you they see you down worshipping and think you are worshipping because everything is working for you but you are not worshipping because everything is working.

You are worshipping because you have to praise god through the pain you are in.

“… you have to praise god through the pressure you are under”

“… you have to praise god and trust god”

You never know what a person is pressing through in order to touch Jesus Christ.

The truth is most of us have real faith to serve god in spite of things are not working.
In other words: We praise god under pressure.

Most people have no idea what you have been going through. God did not promise you a perfect life but to be with you and going with you through all things, never leave you, never forsake you and he is Alpha & Omega, what the enemy meant for bad he turns around for good.

The man in Luke 6:8-10 decided to go into the synagoge despite his strivled hand. That is half the battle => he showed up; Show up to god with all your issues.

When you show up then god says “I got something for you”.

The man’s hand got healed / restored.

Some wisdom: Do not let ever anything pall out your purpose.
People say: “Settle down, do this and that”
Do not ever allow the enemy pall out of your purpose.

You can do your assignment in many different ways but never stop to do what you are born for.

Luke 6:8-10 is a simple text you quickly read on / pass over.

But when the bible becomes very specific, better pay attention.

It says: “There is a man whose **right** hand was withered.”

=> You need to understand what “hand” is in the bible.

The bible specifically says the **right** hand is strivled.

“Right” means authority.

“Hand” in greek literally or figurally means power.

=> The bible is saying: There is a man that came to church who had lost his authority for power.
=> The problem is **not provision**, the problem is not money, not relationship, not the job, not the people. The problem is **power**.

If the enemy can shut down your power, he can shut down your possession, your progress, your purpose.
The problem most people in the church is not that they love god, not that they have the components, not that they have the right parts, but the problem is they don’t function, they **lost** the power of god.
If the power of god is shut down it affects everything.

=> Never forget it takes the supernatural to take you from one place to the other / next one.

Anytime god gives you a promise it is bigger than the person and it takes the supernatural. You have to have god on your side to give you what you can’t do for yourself. The “right” always represents authority.

Power is not: dancing, singing, shouting in the church, quoting scriptures, serving, etc.

Fruit of power: Cast out daemon’s, heal’s the sick, performs miracles, delivers captives, breakthrough in real life, lifts you up, resurrects life, power is given through Jesus Christ

Real power is yours:
You go through seasons where you loose power
(Example: 1. King 19: Elijah says: “This is my concern about the children of Israel”

It is time to give birth, bring something new / forward, but have no strength)

The enemy lets you look at the “striveled hand” and tells you something is wrong with you. The **entire** hand is not functioning and everybody can see it. It is frustrating when everyone is watching my walk with god and see it is not working / not functioning.

Jesus says “**Stretch forth** your hand” meaning rise up and stand for.

“rise up” literally means “to awaken”.

=> to rise up from sleep, from sitting down, from lying down, disease, figurally from non-existence to existence.

Whatever caused you to lie down, to sleep, to be diseased, to have death in your life

=> You are about to awaken, rise up, “to stand up” means “to come forth”

God is about to fulfill the vision for you.
=> God is about to restore / reestablish your authority and power

There are five greek words for power:

1. exusia (Matthew 28:18-19)

=> all authority, jurisdiction, all power of government, all choice, all decision

If you don’t have authority you don’t live in the place given to you
=> If you have to tell people who you are you lost authority; when you walk in authority you walk it out
=> this authority has been given to you by the blood covenant of Jesus Christ
=> because you have authority no weapon against you shall prosper
=> You have authority and jurisdiction over the enemy (cast daemons out of your home)
=> You have authority over poverty, disease, generational curses, over anything that has legal jurisdiction
=> You are the authorizer to move situations, principalities, powers, heaven, earth; start to move things

1. dunamas (Acts 1:8)
=> means strength, ability, power for performing miracles, moral power, excellence of soul, power to influence people, to impact
Jesus gave his disciples authority (excusia) over all the powers (dunamas) of the devil.
You have authority to put strength into people you are in charge (impartation).
John 15: Jesus says, without me you can do nothing.
Greek: “Without me you have no dunamas power.”
Greek: “Without Jesus you have no exusia to bring dunamas.”
Greek: “With dunamas I can pall in the resources of god and push back or out what does not belong to me.”
2. ischus (spoken “iskas”)
=> prevailing power
Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”
“can do” ischus means “abiding power strength”, the strength to continue, to endure, to end, to overcome
=> this gives you the ability **not** to quit
“I can do all things”
=> you are waiting for god’s miraculous power to heal, to deliver, to breakthrough
You can depend on god’s ischus sustaining power
You battle => You build => You battle => You build …
ischus gives you the ability to stand and not to crumble.
ischus is a steel backbone.
3. kratos
=> is the dominion power, means “dominion”, “corporate kingdom power”, “manifested power”
=> It is from the word kaorai meaning perfect or complete
=> god’s grace available to dominate into the complete will of god
Ephesians 1: Paul prayed that the spiritual eyes of the believer to be opened, so that they have the exceeding greatness of his power (dunamas) toward as who believe,
according to the working of his mighty (kratos) power (ischus) which he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead.
=> So it says that Jesus came that through death he might destroy him who had the power (kratos) of death - that is the devil.
The enemy had the kratos power of death, of grave, of hell. You have dominion power to break things.
=> Jesus took the keys of death, hell and the grave. Now we see it altogether with Christ in heavenly places all above all authority, dominion (kratos), exusia of Satan. Finally my brethren be strong (dunamas) in the Lord and in the power (kratos) of his might (ischus). (Ephesians 6:10)
=> It also translates krisis which means the power of decisions.
=> In other words: Kratos means the power to make great decisions.
Once you decide and you degree a thing it is established.
=> Krisis: If I make a decision – decide a thing, create a thing it is established according to the book of Job.
=> You can establish over you wrong things just as much as right things.
=> This is why words bring live or death
=> When you take something someone spoke out over you then it is established over you till you break it.
4. energizia
=> means energizing power. It is the greek word for energy, working and efficiency.
The bible says in Ephesians 3:7 “I was made a ministers, servants according to the gift and grace of god to me that was given to the effectual working (the energizing work) of his work / power (dunamas).”
=> There is an energy to the dunamas
When you are tired then it is not physically because the enemy comes to steal energy, strength from you.
I have to take a conscious decision to make my life right.
The man in Luke 6:8-10 has dunamas, kratos, ischus, exusia but still cannot use it.
Then Jesus says to him “stand up and go to the middle”
=> Everyone who does not like you can see you
Jesus says: “Stretch your hand forth” => Hand is restored => Energizia is restored
=> Everything goes through the supernatural
=> You need power to get activated