

Life Church Sermon Sheet
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Title: A Father's Vision-
Dad's Night Light to Help our Vision in the dark.
Or

**We choose to go to the moon, not because it is easy, but
because it is hard.**



1. This year is the Celebration of JFK's 100th birthday. His vision to go to the moon is very appropriate in seeing what How our Daddy sees us and what He has for us to do!
2. [Proverbs 29:18 \[NASB\]](#) **Where there is no vision**, the people are unrestrained, But happy **is** he who keeps the law.
3. God's vision for Joshua was of a man strong and Courageous. He already had proven himself as a spy (him and Caleb), but spoke those traits into Him as a Dad into His son. Solomon was speaking as a Dad unto a son as well. Pv 3
4. God is not looking for tear Jerking, but fighters, Tyro's who are willing to grow. Edison's true story.
5. JFK's Vision, understanding of enemy and resources that led us to the moon.
6. **We are Foster Kids who have a Dad who wants to adopt us, but give us a choice...**
 - a. God's Vision is to be a Dad and draw, call and deal with difficult kids who choose (with His help) to be a part of His Family.
 - b. Eph 1:3-6- God's Vision of us says that he Chooses to redeem us, not because it is easy but because it is hard, and he feels we are worth it.
 - c. God Adopts us, not because it is easy but because it is hard. We were created to walk in faith and do good hard works. Eph 2:8-9
7. Isaac- An example poor Fatherly vision. Gen 25
8. How can we See more clearly like our Dad?
 - a. Don't follow our flesh.
 - b. Connect with God ourselves, even through our tough times and sins. That is what David did.
 - c. Empathize with others
 - d. Others that you see...
9. Your turn
 - a. How does God view you? A Failure or a Star? Someone out for money, or His will? Dan. 12:3
 - b. Name one time when you Saw/heard from God Correctly and saw what He was doing.
 - c. Name a time when you blew it and what adjustments did you have to make...

d. Discipleship is helping TYRO's become true soldiers... Learning to fight (pray, worship, be accountable and grow), Learning to See and take orders in HOW not just in What a soldier does. Are you being Disciplined, or Disciplining someone?

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Vision and the Other things that lead to change.

- Pastor Eva Has been Challenging us to be strong and courageous.
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The impact of Vision and Fight

- What makes a parent powerful is not just how they see us, but how they work with us and fight for us to teach us how to fight as well.
- What Makes you fight? Isn't what you see, or injustice you see... Fight comes from vision!



A story about Edison.

**ONE DAY, AS A
SMALL CHILD,
THOMAS EDISON
CAME HOME FROM
SCHOOL AND
GAVE A PAPER TO
HIS MOTHER.**

LoveWhatMatters



A not fully true story about Edison

- I do Love the Story, and the spirit of his mother's love was true, BUT the story about the letter is mostly untrue... He was kicked out of school, but he knew it and why, and there was no letter. See : <http://www.snopes.com/thomas-edisons-mom-lied-about-a.../> . From First hand accounts, Edison was impacted by his mother who was his champion, but he knew what the school said and saw his mother fight for him..



Our Response as Children

- It was her fight that made him say in an interview that "I determined right then that I would be worthy of her and show her that her confidence was not misplaced." The truth is a richer story, she didn't just lie to him and tell him he was a genius, she had to fight for him, and that fight convinced him to walk worthy and do his part. This has powerful spiritual implications, for we all are not worthy of God's love and fight for us and price paid for us, and the proper response to that fight is to try and make him proud.



JFK's Vision and it's Impact

- *We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too. JFK At Rice Stadium Sept 1962*



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Isaac- An example poor Fatherly vision

- Why did Isaac have poor vision- he had favoritism, and based his love on his stomach rather than God's vision. Gen 25: 28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. (NASB)
- Esau was not pleasing in God's sight because of choices he made. Jacob wasn't much better but God saw His heart and tested it.
- Jacob did not have the same problem as Isaac. He saw Joseph's connection to God through dreams- his own connection...



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God's Word & Works- our Carrots and Garden and Battlefield

- Eph 1 & 3 Prayers, asks for enlightened eyes and fullness. God's Word Enlightens our eyes to put His vision into practice. Jesus only did what he SAW God doing... We Have to see What God is doing in His word and in the World. Our Faith is based on Works- Good works come, not from doing good things but from seeing God's kingdom all around us.



A Father's Vision, is Like a Farmers Vision

- Where do Seedless Grapes come from? (I've asked this one Before) They come from Understanding the Biological principles in place, but more so from the vision of the Farmer. He can see Seedless grapes and then goes about to make them. Jacob with his Sheep. Where did the personal computer come from... From the vision of Gates and Jobs... They "borrowed" most of their principles- the mouse, graphics based interfaces- but they saw computers in every house.



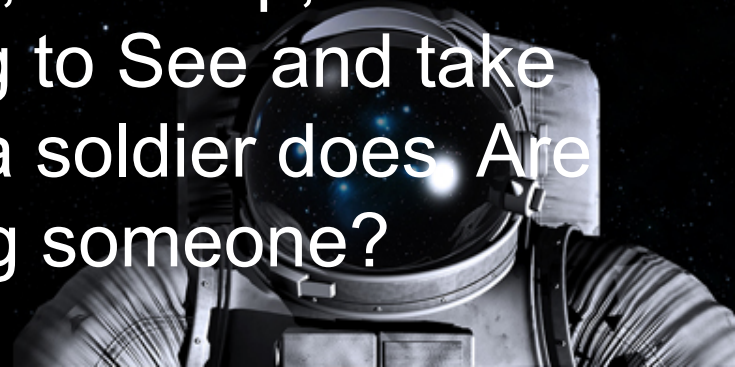
What do you see? Hear? Feel? Smell? Touch? God doing?

- In your life right now, we have put a focus on wanting to hear from God. A deaf person may never be able to hear, but they can learn to read lips... God usually doesn't talk audibly, but he can. He usually doesn't give visions and Dreams, but He does... Acts 2. Peter's vision of Animals. But He is speaking all the time. Meditation on God's Word in action in your life is key... and very much like Learning to read lips or math or bowling- requires Practice and adjustment.



Your turn

- How does God view you? A Failure or a Star? Someone out for money, or His will? Dan. 12:3
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Discipleship is hard, like Raising kids

- That is Why God has chosen us to join with Him in doing... We do it because it is hard, like bowling at first...
- We are on the Battlefield and Bowling team of our God... He is the God of the 2nd chances, and adjustments and adjusting of our eyes! Not just our ears. When God says read His lips, He doesn't lie like some presidents (i.e. no new taxes).

