

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.**



Vision and the Other things that lead to change.

- Pastor Eva Has been Challenging us to be strong and courageous.
- **Proverbs 29:18 [NASB]**
Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.
- 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



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*



We are Foster Kids who have a Dad who wants to adopt us, but give us a choice...

- 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.
- 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.
- 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



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...

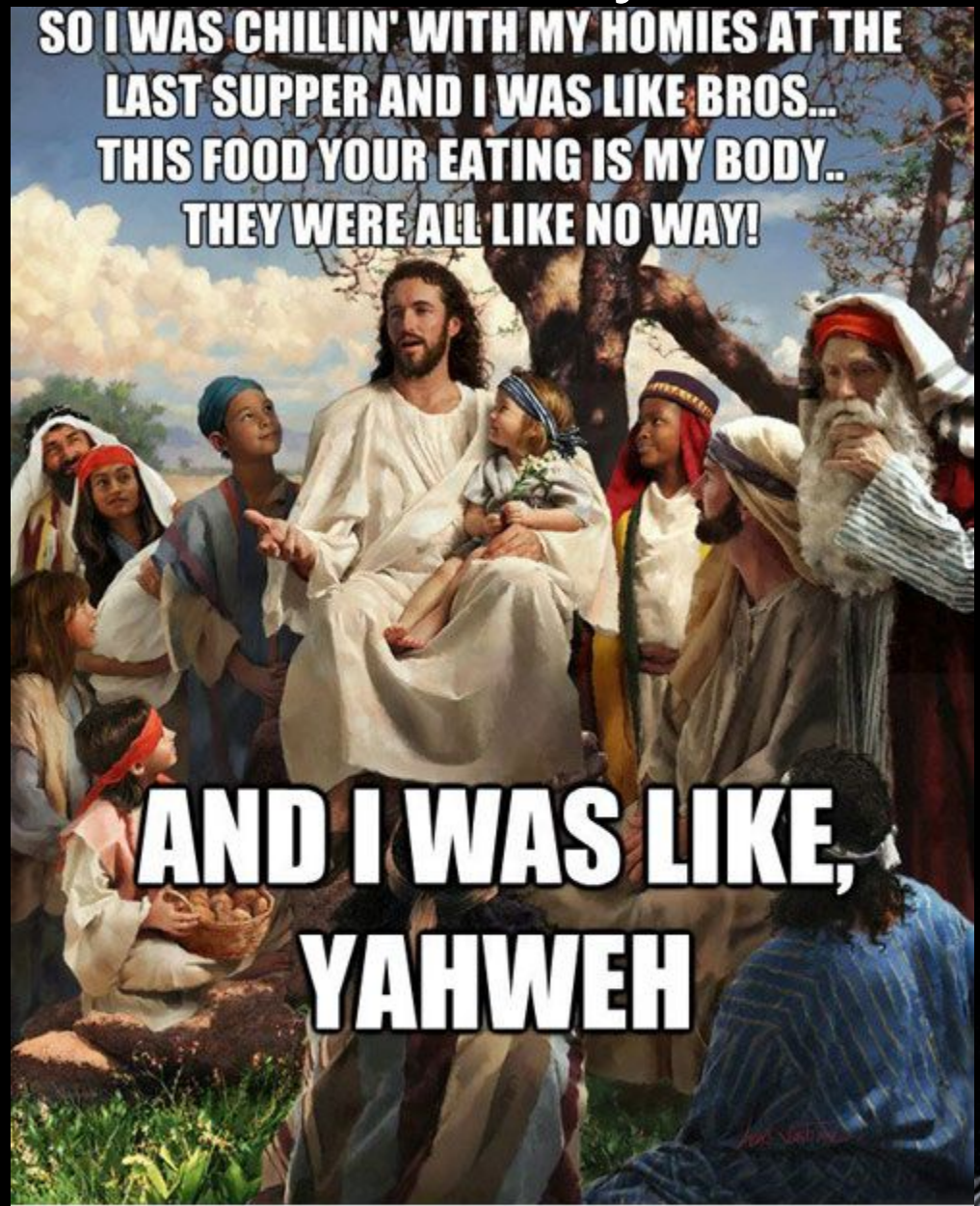


How can we see more clearly like our Dad?

1. Don't follow our flesh.
2. Connect with God ourselves, even through our tough times and sins. That is what David did.
3. Empathize with others
4. Others that you see...



Some Dad jokes just for Father's day!



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.



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). JFK's Vision Came through but others had to see it come to pass.
- Being Dependable is God's Character... if he says something he means it. His lips don't lie!



We are not God, we can learn from our Children

- Children are a blessing because they remind us how we treat our Heavenly Father!...
 - We know more than he does
 - We don't need to spend time with him
 - We get busy doing things for him rather than spending time with him.
 - We get distracted by video games, Music and TV.
 - We don't appreciate what we have but can complain about the things we don't have.
 - We want to serve him on our terms, not His.
 - We Push against his expectations... Do we REALLY have to pray everyday?



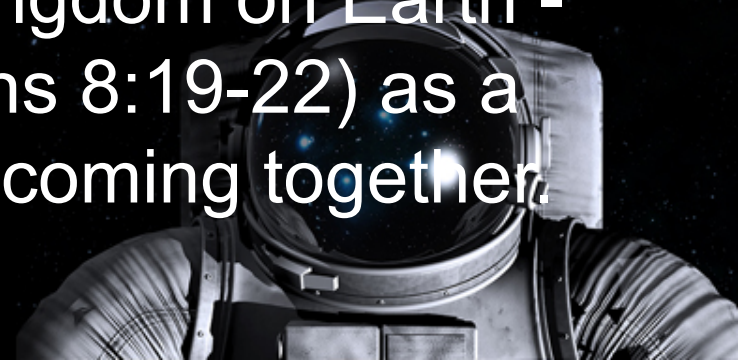
JFK's Legacy is a lot more expansive than Just the Moon shot.

- Under his leadership, civil rights reached new heights, he got us through the Cuban Missile Crisis, the peace Corps were started, and other initiatives that inspired many Americans. Legacy can easily be tainted by 1 act... If he had cut funding... If a father breaks his trust. We are dealing with that with Bill Cosby... One of the most respected father figures of all time. At the very least committed adultery at age 66, and worse much worse.



God's Vision and Legacy is one in which is bigger than just you and me

- Yeah, he created the Heavens (His spiritual space with angels and the like), he created the physical universe and all the rules and interactions that connect everything! He made a garden, a couple of image bearers, a rain shower, several nations including one He chose to represent him, some laws, a kingdom, a savior, a church, etc. His plan is to make a family that perseveres through trial and has authority to usher God's Kingdom on Earth - what Creation longs for (Romans 8:19-22) as a precursor to Heaven and earth coming together.



We are God's Space Shot

- Individually, we are his Space Shot, done because it is hard. He chooses to bring some of us into his Home (like Foster kids), love us, save and transform us, equip us, and disciple (Parent) us to disciple (parent) others, not because it is easy but because it is hard. It is tough raising your own kids, but tougher trying to raise kids who have already been raised, abused, hurt by others.



His Vision of us

- He sees us as what we can become, not as damaged goods. His vision of us is as stars... Daniel 12:3. And as Children of Character and love-Children of resemblance I John 3: 1-3. People who do not need a teacher because His Spirit anoints us. I John 2:27.



Family Rules

- He has systematic family routines that help us do our part, but also see how we need each other to grow as a community, not just as individuals. Who does the dishes, sings, has time with reading, talking with, Slurpee night, movie night, etc. Jesus Kept 12 disciples, he had others, but poured into 12 and even then, even more into 3. He sent out 72- 6 for every disciple... He was systematic. He had people sit in groups of 50 to get fed... God has a plan.



Big Problems Big Solutions

- He developed problem solvers and spoke in metaphor and questions more than just answers. This is because he was developing interdependent problem solvers, and prayers (interactive Listeners to Him) not just spoiled and dependent children. He sent out the 72 disciples to give them practice, but assessed them when they got back to see what they learned and what they prioritized.



What End result they see happening

-- Like Going to the Moon, like a person who can be transformed, to help transform the world (physically and Spiritually). He sees us as part of Bride that is without spot or blemish, able to take down giants, make it to the moon and back, or simply give comfort to a friend who is struggling with Cancer.



What Challenges that arise to
see the Vision come to pass,

- and patience with those Challenges...
Failure is an option... until you are in space. The space shot had plenty of challenges and so do we, but the challenges and experiences are what perfect us, not just a download of knowledge. I am on the bowling team for my Lord.



What language is used in communicating with each other.

- **Certain language is not acceptable in our house. Yes “curse words” are banned, but more importantly Curse words! I hate you, I am stupid, I can’t forgive them, You are evil... Eph 4:29... one of my Sister’s favorite scriptures for me... Let your words edify those around you. Another set of words a Father expects... Owning your mistakes. One of the problems in the church is that we keep score of other people’s mistakes and don’t acknowledge our own. Getting on the same page is also key. International space station... guess what they use Metric and American nuts and bolts. When we go to the moon. The plan is to only use metric.**



Knowing who the real enemy is.

- Anyone who goes against the family is an enemy. A father protects his family. Enemies from without- those who seek to destroy the family are who we should focus on. Eph. 6:12- We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities in high places. Enemies can come from within (with help from our natural tendency to sin and help from the world and Satan) and often do. Those who have had to deal with sexual abuse often comes from those closest to us.



What does a Good Father's Vision look Like?

- It is full of Light... Helping people to see, and exposing the darkness. Dan. 12: 1-3; I John 3:1-3
- Remembers what is really important and lasts. Matt 7:24-29 A wise Follow build on a rock and not sand.
- He cares more about what they are becoming than what they can make or do (unlike Isaac who loved Esau for the meat he could get from him) or even fame they bring to him... He is proud of us, but he does not care what the World thinks of us



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- He has High Expectations of His Children! The Sermon on the mount, was Jesus Expose of God's Expectations... If you even look at a woman, you've already committed adultery. Jesus at the temple,
- He had an even greater love, support and patience for His Children than he has Expectations.



A Father's Plan... Forgive sin, Punish Rebellion

- Vision requires a Plan, a Plan requires rules, Following the rules shows where your heart is, even if you mess up... Sin is coming short on God's rules, but rebellion is saying the rules need changing. Hell is not for sinners, but for rebels! Any sin can be forgiven, Rebellion- saying there is no sin, cannot be forgiven. While we were yet enemies (Rebels), he died for us. God's Light reveals true children... Like Paul, Unlike Judas. Those who are his, the light shines on them and reveals His truth. All people are image bearers, but we have a choice... and often baggage... being abused or hurt ourselves. But God chooses those who need His love.



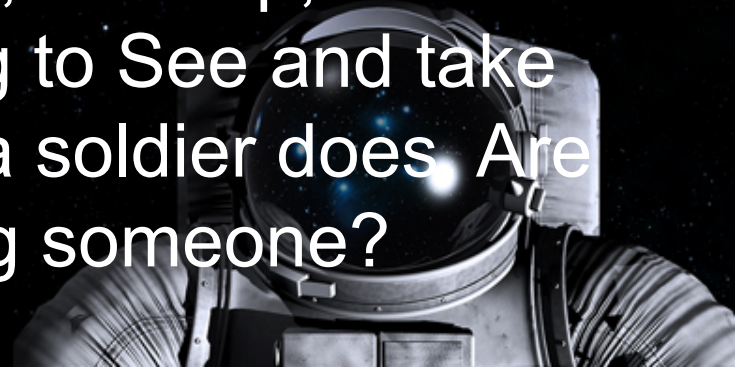
What do you see? Hear? Feel? Smell? Touch? God doing?

- 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
- Name one time when you Saw/heard from God Correctly and saw what He was doing. MDD- Afro Sheen..
- Name a time when you blew it and what adjustments did you have to make... MDD-Wendy's and hunger.
- 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 Discipled, or Discipling someone?



Assessment- What is God's Vision for you?

Healthy Change- Shining With God

- To be a healthy vision of God-
- We are what we eat... to be an image bearer, what we eat is key... Food and Doing God's Will... Wisdom.
- Communion is Eating His Flesh... And Walking with Him... Health! Garden... No Meat, conversations...
- What is Wisdom?
 - **Information- Basic Knowledge**
 - **Understanding- Proper Interpretation of Information**
 - **Wisdom- Proper Application of Understanding.**
- God's vision as our Father is to walk in Wisdom.



A father's Vision is us shining, shining is doing His will.

- Prv. 1-3, Romans 2:13, James 1:22
- Being Doers of the Word.
- Dan 12:³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.
- What Is God Saying to you about how He sees you?

