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WARM UP

When you were around the age of 5 to 8 years old, what did you want to be when you grew up? Being the age that you are now, have you changed in that desire?

WORD

Read **Habakkuk 2:1-5**

The Old Testament prophet Habbakuk outlines Gods' vision for his people: how we can position ourselves to hear from him regarding his vision for us, how to steward that vision, and how to recognise what the enemies are of our destiny and vision.

NOTES

1 I Will Stand at My Watchpost.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me...

Habakkuk 2:1 (ESV)

God is calling those who desire to hear his instruction regarding the destiny and vision to stand and position ourselves at a watchpost to look out for what he will say to us. To stand means to be in position to move and be active where are. To station ourselves at the watchpost, which sits on a tower, is to see life and destiny from a higher perspective, and not be overwhelmed with a perspective that sees circumstances from a lowered worldly viewpoint.

- What are ways that we can stand ready as opposed to sitting idly when it comes to the vision and destiny God has for us?

2 Write and Wait

²And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (ESV)

Writing down what God shows us whether in vision, from the scriptures, or by hearing what the Holy Spirit begins to show is one of the best ways we can steward that which he speaks about. Then it's a matter of waiting for God come through with the manifestation of that which he has promised us.

- Do you find it hard to wait for God? Why or why not?
- Do you document what God shows you by writing down what you hear from the Bible or in prayer? If so, what tools do you use and what are the important habits necessary to develop this discipline? If not, what are you willing to do to document what God shows you?

3 Enemies of Destiny

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. ⁵Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples."

Habakkuk 2:4-5 (ESV)

- The three enemies of vision here are pride, lasciviousness/worldliness ("wine is a traitor") and greed. How do you think pride, worldliness or greed become obstacles towards Gods vision and destiny for your life? Have you experienced any of these three obstacles in your own life while trying to walk in the vision God has given you?

PRAYER

- Pray that God will help us to be alert, to position us to hear his voice for his call, and that we'll have the grace to obey.
- Pray that we will steward his vision and destiny well, by writing down what he shows us.
- Pray that we will not be swayed by the enemies of our vision and purpose.