

20/20 VISION FOR FAITH

Our vision for everyone at Faith Sanctuary is that they will live to “Know Jesus, Love Jesus, and Share Jesus.”

KEY POINTS

- ❖ The American Optometric Association states that 20/20 vision is a term used to express normal visual acuity (the clarity or sharpness of vision) measured at a distance of 20 feet.
- ❖ Having 20/20 vision means that a person can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance. If a person has 20/100 vision, it means that they must be as close as 20 feet in order to see what a person with normal vision can see at 100 feet.
- ❖ Possessing 20/20 vision does not necessarily mean a person has perfect vision. 20/20 vision only indicates the sharpness or clarity of vision at a distance.
- ❖ Other important vision skills—such as peripheral awareness or side vision, eye coordination, depth perception, focusing ability and colour vision—contribute to one’s overall visual acuity.
- ❖ Faith Sanctuary’s stated church vision is that each member will live to “Know Jesus, Love Jesus, and Share Jesus.” But how can this be accomplished?
- ❖ We need vision (revelation) to stay on track. “Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law” (Proverbs 29:18).
- ❖ We have written the vision and we need to constantly proclaim it and patiently wait for its fulfillment.

Then the Lord answered me and said:
“Write the vision

And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may read who reads it.

³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it;

Because it will surely come,

It will not tarry.” (Habakkuk 2:2-3; see also Ezekiel 12:21-28.)

KNOW JESUS

- ❖ Getting to know Jesus is life’s greatest pursuit (Philippians 3:7-11).
- ❖ Knowing Jesus is eternal life. “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).
- ❖ All church offices function to help us know Him better (Ephesians 4:11-13).
- ❖ The knowledge of Christ leads us to partake of His divine nature:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. (2 Peter 1:2-3)

KEY SCRIPTURE: Habakkuk 2:1-3

LOVE JESUS

- ❖ The greatest commandment is to love God with all we are and have (Matthew 22:36-38).
- ❖ We love God and each other because He first loved us (1 John 4:7-21).
- ❖ Our love for God is demonstrated by our love and care for others (Matthew 25:34-40).
- ❖ We show our love for Jesus by keeping His commandments. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).
- ❖ We show our love for Jesus by the way we feed and tend to His sheep (John 21:15-17).

SHARE JESUS

- ❖ Jesus told His apostles to preach the gospel to all people, which would lead to the baptism and salvation of believers, followed by discipleship training (Mark 16:15-18; Matthew 28:19-20).
- ❖ The apostle Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Romans 1:16).
- ❖ We are to freely share the things God has freely given us with others. Again, Jesus says:
And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:7-8; see also Matthew 25:34-40).
- ❖ So, let the year 2020 be the year of clarity, of vision. Let us live to truly know Jesus, to love Him and to share Him with whoever we meet.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. The vision for Faith Sanctuary is to “Know Jesus, Love Jesus [and] Share Jesus.” How can we go about doing so? Use scriptural references to support your response.
2. Do you have your own personal vision for 2020? If so, does that vision line up in any way with the church’s vision for 2020? If it does not line up, what can be done to make them “agree”?
3. Having 20/20 vision means a person can see clearly. Are there items in your life where you would like the ability to see clearly? Take the time to pray and ask God for clarity.

Prayer Time

Lord, “I want to see You, I want to know You, like I’ve never known You before. To walk with You, to talk with You, to know You all the more.” (Judith Christie McAllister)

Start-up: Do you have 20/20 vision? If not, have there been any instances when not having perfect vision caused difficulty?

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

👉 (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
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