

2020 Vision Message Series

Pastor Allen Pangburn

Sunday 1/5/20

2020 Vision – Message # 1

Psalm 127:1 NKJV

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

CLARIFYING OUR VISION

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

1 Timothy 6:6 NKJV

“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Matthew 25:24-30 NKJV

24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’

26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.’ 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

VISION MUST GO BEYOND CHURCH WALLS

Joshua 7:6-7 NKJV

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, “Alas, Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand

of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

WALLS THAT BLOCK OUR VISION

Bitterness

Galatians 5:15 NKJV

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Psalms 133:1-3 NKJV

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

Pride

Proverbs 16:18 NKJV

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

James 4:6 NLT

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 John 2:16 NKJV

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

Finances

Mark 4:3-8 NLT

3 “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. 4 As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn’t have deep roots, it died.

7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

Legalism

Luke 19:1-10 NKJV

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but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NLT

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your HEART how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

The Pharisaical spirit

Luke 18:9-14 NKJV

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

2 Corinthians 3:6b NLT

...The Law brings death, but the Holy Spirit gives life.

Matthew 16:18 NLT

“...upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

VISION THAT COST NOTHING ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING

Proverbs 14:4 NKJV

Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox.

Luke 5:12-13 KJV

12 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he put forth his hand, and TOUCHED him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

Psalm 149:3 NKJV

Let them praise His name with the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

Psalm 150:4 NKJV

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Luke 14:23 NKJV

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1 Samuel 22:1-2 NKJV

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1 Thessalonians 5:24 NKJV

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 NKJV

Because of laziness the building decays, And through idleness of hands the house leaks.

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VISION TO RESTOR WHAT SATAN HAS PLUNDERED

Nehemiah 2:17-20 NLT

17 But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!"

18 Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work.

19 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. "What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" they asked. 20 I replied, "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall..."

Acts 15:15-17 NLT

15 And this conversion of Gentiles is exactly what the prophets predicted. As it is written: 16 'Afterward I will return and restore the fallen house of David. I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,

17 so that the rest of humanity might seek the Lord, including the Gentiles— all those I have called to be mine. The Lord has spoken.

Galatians 6:1-2 NLT

1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. 2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

VISION TAKES ACTION

Nehemiah 3:1 NLT

Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Nehemiah 3:2-4 NLT

2 People from the town of Jericho worked next to them, and beyond them was Zaccur son of Imri. 3 The Fish Gate was built by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid the beams, set up its doors, and installed its bolts and bars.

4 Meremoth son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz repaired the next section of wall. Beside him were Meshullam son of Berekiah and grandson of Meshezabel, and then Zadok son of Baana.

Matthew 16:15 NLT

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

VISION WILL ALWAYS FACE OPPOSITION

Nehemiah 4:1-3 NLT

1 Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews,

2 saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?”

3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, “That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!”

Nehemiah 4:7-9 NLT

7 But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious.

8 They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Peter 2:15 NKJV

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

VISION ALWAYS LOOKS TO THE EAST

Nehemiah 4:10-23 NLT

10 Then the people of Judah began to complain, “The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.”

11 Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, “Before they know what’s happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.”

12 The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!”

13 So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows.

14 Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

15 When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall.

Nehemiah 4:10-23 NLT

16 But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. The leaders stationed themselves behind the people of Judah

17 who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon.

18 All the builders had a sword belted to their side. The trumpeter stayed with me to sound the alarm. 19 Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people, “The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall.

20 When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for us!”

21 We worked early and late, from sunrise to sunset. And half the men were always on guard. 22 I also told everyone living outside the walls to stay in Jerusalem. That way they and their servants could help with guard duty at night and work during the day.

23 During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.

1 Peter 5:10 ESV

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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A Spirit of Generosity – Message # 3

Isaiah 32:6-8 NKJV

6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity: to practice ungodliness, to utter error against the LORD, to keep the hungry unsatisfied, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 Also the schemes of the schemer are evil; he devises wicked plans to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks justice.

8 But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.

HAVE A GENEROUS MIND SET

Luke 19:1-10 NKJV

1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

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Proverbs 23:7b NASV

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

SEE THROUGH EYES OF GENEROSITY

Proverbs 22:9 NKJV

He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.

Luke 5:27-32 NKJV

27After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." 28So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. 29Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

30And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Matthew 19:14 NKJV

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Mark 12:35, 41-44 NLT

35 Later, as Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple...

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Luke 7:36-39 MSG

One of the Pharisees asked him over for a meal. He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down at the dinner table. Just then a woman of the village, the town harlot, having learned that Jesus was a guest in the home of the Pharisee, came with a bottle of very expensive perfume and stood at his feet, weeping, raining tears on his feet.

Luke 7:36-39 MSG

Letting down her hair, she dried his feet, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man was the prophet I thought he was, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is falling all over him."

EXPERIENCE THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

Psalms 16:11 NKJV

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

3 John 2 NKJV

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Proverbs 23:7b NASV

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

LIVE A GENEROUS LIFESTYLE

Proverbs 11:24 MSG

There is one who is free in giving, and yet he grows richer. And there is one who keeps what he should give, but he ends up needing more.

Nehemiah 8:5-6 NLT

5 Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet. 6 Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Luke 6:38 NLT

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NKJV

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Vision for your Marriage – Message # 4

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE ARE A TEAM

MARK 3:25

And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

MATTHEW 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE ARE ONE

MATTHEW 19:4-6

4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 “and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 “So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

MATTHEW 19:6

“So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

GENESIS 1:28

God blessed them and said, “Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master.”

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3

The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs.

YOU ALREADY HAVE THE SPOUCE OF YOUR DREAMS

ECCLESIASTES 9:9

Enjoy life with the wife you love.

EPHESIANS 5:21

... submitting to one another in the fear of God.

GOD’S VISION FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

COMMITMENT

JOHN 4:15-18

15 Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” 16 “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. 17 “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— 18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

HEBREWS 13:4

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

JOSHUA 1:5

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

FORGIVENESS

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

EPHESIANS 4:32

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

HONOR

EPHESIANS 5:28, 33

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

JOY AND PASSION

PROVERBS 5:18-19

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. 19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love.

ROMANS 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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Sunday 2/2/20

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Promoting a Culture of Faithfulness – Message # 5

Psalm 127:1 NKJV

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...”

A FAITHFUL SHEPHERD

Jeremiah 3:15 NKJV

“And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

11And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Matthew 9:36 NKJV

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Psalm 23:1-6 NKJV

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FAITHFULNESS IS A MINISTRY REQUIREMENT

1 Corinthians 4:2 NKJV

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful

CRITICISM ANND UNFAITHFULNESS

Numbers 12:1 NKJV

Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

HOW CAN WE PROMOTE A CULTURE OF FAITHFULNESS?

2 Samuel 15:4 NKJV

Moreover Absalom would say, “Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice.”

DON'T STROKE THE FIRE

Proverbs 26:20 NIV

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.

Titus 3:10 NIV

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.

1 Samuel 18:6-7 NIV

6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. 7 As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”

DON'T GO SOMEWHERE YOUR HEART ISN'T

1 Corinthians 5:6 NKJV

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

WATCH FOR SNAKES IN THE FIRE

Acts 28:1-3 NLT

1 Once we were safe on shore, we learned that we were on the island of Malta. 2 The people of the island were very kind to us. It was cold and rainy, so they built a fire on the shore to welcome us. 3 As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand.

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, FAITHFULNESS, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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Enjoying the Miracles of God – Message # 6

¹⁴ You are the God who does miracles; you have shown people your power. PSALM 77:14 NCV

THE MIRACLES WE SEE EVERYDAY

¹⁹ The heavens are telling of the greatness of God and the great open spaces above show the work of His hands. ² Day to day they speak. And night to night they show much learning. ³ There is no speaking and no words where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their sound has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun.

Psalm 19:1-4 NLT

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Psalm 139:13-16 NLT

GOD'S REQUIRMENTS FOR MIRACLES

¹ When God began creating the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light.” And light appeared. ⁴⁻⁵ And God was pleased with it and divided the light from the darkness. He called the light “daytime,” and the darkness “nighttime.” Together they formed the first day.

GENESIS 1:1-5 TLB

³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

GALATIANS 6:3 NKJV

MIRACLES OUT OF MESSES

² the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

GENESIS 1:2 TLB

The earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness.

GENESIS 1:2 MSG

The earth was empty and had no form. Darkness covered the ocean, and God’s Spirit was moving over the water.

GENESIS 1:2 NCV

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

GENESIS 1:2 NLV

⁶ For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NLT

¹¹ Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them.

¹³ But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light!

EPHESIANS 5:11, 13 TLB

BE CONFIDENT IN GOD

⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-7 NKJV

³⁰ He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

JOHN 3:30 NKJV

¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

ROMANS 4:17 NLT

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2 NKJV

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NKJV

"O LORD, help me understand my mortality and the brevity of life. Let me realize how quickly my life will pass. ⁵ Look, you make my days short-lived, and my life span is nothing from your perspective. Surely all people, even those who seem secure, are nothing but vapor. (Selah)

PSALM 39:4,5 NET

