



"God showed Abraham a Vision Map!"

Proverbs 29:18 – "When people do not accept Divine Guidance (God's Word), they run wild..."

Proverbs 29:18 – "When people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves..."

- **"When the purpose is unknown, abuse is inevitable."** Dr. Myles Munroe
- **Plan and Purpose is from God!** When people either reject it, ignore it or do not accept it...the end result is having your eyes on yourself instead of the stars! (I'll explain in a sec...)
- God showed Abraham a Vision Map of the sky, and it took FAITH to believe it!
- **Proverbs 20:5** – "The purpose in a Man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out."
- When a human being understands God's purposes and plan, their life takes on meaning and motivation like no other! (You don't do childish things anymore)
- In **2 Timothy 1:6** – "For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."
- **This scripture is so misquoted so often.** This has nothing to do with "a gift" but rather God's gift to Timothy of Faith and Salvation! **2 Timothy 1:5** – "genuine faith...the same faith continues strong in you"
- **2 Timothy 1:9-10** – "For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan/purpose/will before the beginning of time-to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior! He broke the power of death and illuminated the way of life and immorality through the Good News!"
- Today, we are going to look at the Vision Map that God showed Abraham, and Abraham had to have FAITH to believe and continue on his story with God!

God's Vision Map to Abraham!

- **Genesis 15:6** – "And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith!"
- **Question** – "What did Abraham have to have faith for? God's Vision Map!"
- God showed Abraham a **Blue Print**...the Heavens!!!!
- Gazing upward on a cloudless night, Abraham received a profound promise from God as God took him outside to look at "God's Vision Map!"
- **Genesis 15:5** – "Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!""

1. Immensity and Clarity!

- You don't get much clearer than a beautiful star lit night!
- **Psalm 119:130** – "The unfolding of Your Words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple (Human Beings)."
- **Psalm 119:105** – "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!"
- God took Abraham out to DREAM and DREAM BIG! God is a BIG God!
- It was a Vision that seemed impossible at the time. I'm sure in the natural mind it was impossible at first, but Abraham had faith and faith took over!
- **1 Corinthians 14:33** – "God is not a God of confusion but of peace..."
- God wants us to trust Him in what He shows us in His Word! To have faith in the promises of God! **God is a God is clarity...not confusion!**
- **Proverbs 4:18** – "The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines brighter until full light of day!" **Clarity!!!**
- We are told in the Bible to trust our God and His Word!

2. Guidance and Trust!

- The sky and stars are an amazing map of sense and direction!
- Navigators have always used the star system to know where they are going!
- **God is a God of order!** Just look at Creation and Genesis Chapter 1-3!
- This is why in Romans Chapter 1, that God says that anything but a man and woman together is "unnatural" and "out of order".
- The Constellations provide navigation across great distances! Life is a great distance and our navigational map is God's Word!
- **Proverbs 3:1-9** – look at all that God tells us to TRUST Him in! (From living to wealth)
- Can you imagine going out every night to look at the stars and SEE God's promise? It would be so incredible!
- We now have God's Word to SEE His promises to us! **Hebrews 1:1-2**
- Our Vision Map is the Bible and it gives us step by step like Abraham had star by star!

3. Patience and Perspective!

- Unlike a city illuminated with lights, the night time sky requires much time and patience! It takes a lot of looking and studying! (Stars gradually come into focus as our eyes adjust to looking into the night sky)
- The night time sky is full of splendor and our God is much more than the night sky!
- **Psalm 104:1-2 / 19 / 24 / 31 / 33**
- **Genesis 1:16 / Psalm 33:6 / Psalm 147:4-5 / Psalm 148:3-6**
- God created the stars and knows each stars name...think how much more He loves you!
- **The twinkling stars** show us that the grandest constellations are all formed by one light point at a time. Each star is an individual light, and was a reminder to Abraham of the promise!
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** – "Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith..."
- I want to leave a legacy behind that is as bright as the starry sky for others to see Jesus!
- **The North Star is the true guide in the night sky! Jesus is our North Star!**