**An Opportunity of a Lifetime *(sjm 1-5-2024)***

**What are you believing for in 2025?**

**The Only thing stopping you is your believing system Mark 9:23 *All things are possible to him who believes!***

**Stretch goals: Defined:** An ambitious & challenging objective that pushes individuals or teams beyond their typical capabilities: Designed to motivate them to achieve more by going outside their comfort zone. It's a goal set intentionally high to encourage exceptional performance and innovation.

**Hab 2:2** Write the vision, And make *it* **plain** on tablets, That he may **run** who reads it. **3**For 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:

**Run –** hurry with it: *That a Herald may announce or proclaim it!*

**An Appointed Time:** *An actual date or when you finally rise up in faith and grab it!*

**Tarries =** *It will prevail, it will overpower & it will succeed (linger vs delay)*

**Though it linger** – wait **for him** (veil) was rent Jesus was opened up

**\*Prov 29:18** Where there is no vision, the people perish *(Have restraint or are restricted)*

***Initial Church Vision: (I see the church growing & becoming an integral voice in this community)***

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| **1)    Congregation Walking in the Fullness of God (Eph 3:19)** |
| **2)     Walking in New & Refreshing Areas (enhancing things - Ps 40:3)** |
| **3) Utilize a Leadership Team Approach, with Integrity, Transparency & Availability** |
| **4) Successfully attract younger people** |
| **5) Seek to be more involved in community events/activities *(across the street)*** |
| **6)     Structures completed (enlarge the place of your tent – (Is 54:2)**  **Late Add: “Let Revival begin at NCL”** |

***What’s the difference between a dream & a goal: A goal has an action plan***

***Vision – goal – action plans***

**I think this year it is Time in both ways converging: “2025 is An Appointed Time & Faith is Rising Up”**

**Is 43:19** Behold I do a **new thing (fresh)**

**Ps 40** He has put a **new song** on my heart, many shall see it and trust in the Lord

**Ps 24** **9**Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in

**Ecc 3:1** There is a time for everything & a season for **every activity** under the heavens:

**Expectancy** the Climate for Miracles Brings it into Today

**Time is at Hand for Revelations, Manifestation & Demonstrations**

**1 Cor 2:9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

**10** But God hath **revealed** them unto us by his Spirit:

**1 Cor 12:7** But the **manifestation**of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. *(Rom 8:9)*

**1 Cor 2:4** And my speech & my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration** of the Spirit & power: **5**That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

**Mark 13:34** For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work

**What is your Vision? Time to set your goals & establish action plans to successfully accomplish them!**

**Revelation from Holy Spirit: Purpose for a Christian** – “To bring clarity to a murky picture for the world”

**Clarity -** the quality of being clear and easy to understand, see, or hear:

**Murkey** - Dark gloomy, cheerless. In a fog

**Matt 13:15** For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; **lest** **at** **any** **time** they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

One person said – I do not know what today will bring?

DT Jakes: I know what today is going to bring = cause I’m bringing it with me