



## Meeting Notes: Casting Vision (October 5, 2016)

These notes capture our October 5, 2016 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our evening. General notes follow each discussion topic. Documents used or created during this meeting are attached.

### Discussion Topic: Casting Vision

- **Opening conversation:** I started out with, “We made it!” Even as we cast vision last year, I didn’t know if we would. But, one sister said, “We’re going to make it.” Honestly, I was ready to quit. I even had the flag of surrender in my hand, but through several voices, the Father told me to put the white flag down and stay in the battle. Therefore, it is with a thankful and humble heart that I capture these Notes, because someone else’s faith and diligence, along with my Heavenly Father’s faithfulness sustained us and kept us going throughout the year.
- **The White Board.** See the attached White Board for how we used T-Time to examine the past and look ahead towards the upcoming year.
- **Through the years.** We discussed where we were with our individual visions. We both decided to stay the course we are on. We then used T-Time to examine the past year and to cast vision for this upcoming year.<sup>1</sup>
  - **Year 11:**<sup>2</sup> The Biblical meaning of 11 and the other things we knew to look out for (i.e. distractions, oppression, etc.) pretty much summed up our year! Yet, despite the irregularity of our weekly meetings, we managed to maintain contact and learn from each other. Fortunately, we were able to recognize our Heavenly Father’s role and thank Him for His divine influence in the midst of our storms! Through Him, we were able to regroup and overcome, which led us to 1 John 5:4 and Revelation 2:7
    - **1 John 5:4.** “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith (NKJV).
    - **Revelation 2:7.** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” (NKJV).

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<sup>1</sup> T-Time is where we use what looks like a modified big T to capture contrasting principles and/or Scriptures. It allows us to more clearly see the choices/ideas being presented to us.

<sup>2</sup> Kevin J. Conner, *The Tabernacle of Moses*, (Portland: City Bible Publishing, 1976), p. 116.

- **Year 12.**<sup>3</sup> The meaning of 12 led us to believe we are basically going from a year wrought with chaos to one characterized by divine government and apostolic fullness. Government spoke to us of authority, and apostolic fullness spoke to us of power. In other words, being in alignment with God's authority will release more of His power in our lives.
  - **Casting Vision.** Because the earlier verse in Revelations was addressed to Ephesus and we are still studying Ephesians, we knew we are where we're supposed to be! By applying what we learned during our "Logos to Rhema" study, we concluded Ephesians 1 taught us our identity in Christ (truth), which is how we have right standing with the Father (righteousness), which brings us to the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of piece. In thinking about the overall theme of v2:1-10, we saw our two choices in how we respond to our Heavenly Father: disobedience or obedience. Putting these two choices in a mini-T revealed our vision: "Learning How to Walk." We then used IDA to clarify our vision.<sup>4</sup>
    - **Identify: Putting on the shoes.** As "sons of disobedience," we had on the shoes of the world and followed "the prince of the power of the air." Now, it's time to take off the old shoes and put on the new!
    - **Define: His Good Works.** Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. In other words, to walk in the new shoes, we must walk in the good works God created for us to do and not according to the lusts of our flesh and of our mind!
    - **Apply: Obedience.** How are we to take off the old shoes and put on the new? Through obedience!
  - **Summing it Up:** Our 2017 vision is "Learning How to Walk." Our Scripture reference is Ephesians 2:10—learning how to walk in the good works we were created to do. This means, through our obedience to our Heavenly Father, we will take off the shoes of our old nature and put on the shoes of our new.
- **Nuggets from the evening.** Here are a few things that stood out:
  - **"Thy Will," by Hillary Scott.** Here's a YouTube link to a new song for everyone to enjoy: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCR\\_Fa8YV2U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCR_Fa8YV2U).

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<sup>4</sup> IDA (Identify, Define, and Apply) helps us know our vision, what the completed vision should look like, and how we plan to get there.

You can copy and paste into your browser. **Takeaway.** Encouragement comes in many forms. This song greatly encouraged me!

- **Redirecting the “Why.”** When someone asks “Why” it’s all too easy to try to answer the question even when there is no answer. Instead of trying to find an answer, we are to be a sounding board while redirecting them to the One who has all answers. **Takeaway.** We don’t need to know all the answers. We just need to be able to point someone to the One who does!
- **Decent and in order.** While discussing authority and power, we looked at 1 Corinthians 14:40, “but let all things be done in a proper and orderly way (CJB). **Takeaway.** God truly is not the author of confusion!
- **Same power.** Ephesians 1:19-20, “<sup>19</sup>and how surpassingly great is his power working in us who trust him. It works with the same mighty strength he used <sup>20</sup>when he worked in Messiah to raise him from the dead and seat him at his right hand in heaven (CJB). **Takeaway.** The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us! After we learn to walk in Christ Jesus, we can learn to use His power and authority already in us.
- **Our good works.** We don’t have to do anything to prepare ourselves, because the Father has already prepared the good works He has for us. We just have to be “in Christ” following where He leads. **Takeaway.** There is a difference in “walking WITH Him” and “walking IN Him!”
- **First love.** This was a personal reference for me to reconnect to my first love! **Takeaway.** Seek the Father for what He wants to reveal about this.

**Next Meeting:** We will continue our study of Ephesians 2.

**Closing:** We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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## ATTACHMENT 1: WhiteBoard

**Identify:** Putting on our shoes

**Define:** Ephesians 2:10 - His good works

**Apply:** Obedience

### Learn How to Walk

2 Tim 2:14-17

- teach us truth
- convicts us of sin
- corrects our faults
- trains us in right living

↳ so anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work

#### 11 Distractions


Incompleteness	Lawlessness
Disorganization	Disorder
Disintegration	The Antichrist
Oppression	Attractions
Hinderances	Lack of focus

7 maintained contact  
 7 lessons away from group  
   → recognized that's what was happening  
 7 regrouped  
   1 John 5:6 - born of God - overcome thru faith  
   Revelation 2:7 - overcome → tree of life

#### 12

Divine government - authority

Apostolic fullness - power

authorize releases power! 

Ephesians 2 ↗ truth  
↘ breadplate

Disobedient w/o shoes	obedient w/ shoes
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7 first love

Connect The Dots

Name that Arise

Armor - vision to group to persons

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Triggers → Trials  
→ reveal what's in our heart

Spiritual Warfare  
↳ daily living  
↳ in warfare

**Note:** The correct Scripture reference is 1 John 5:4