

COTRM Vision

(Pr 29:18) ¹⁸Where there is no revelation (prophetic vision), the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

We won't discipline ourselves without vision to pursue (ex: athletes)
goal is joy (Heb 12:2) (ex: founding fathers – constitution)
personal and corporate

(Hab 2:2) Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

What is COTR running after? (paint picture)

Encounter God ... our Identity

We will get identity in who we are, how we appear, or what we do
tend to perform, especially if we don't like who we are

What defines you? (world? others? past?)

(Ps 139:14-16) I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;...When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought...Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

(Ep 2:10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Only God can tell you who you are, and why you are!

(Ro 8:16-17) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

Son or Servant (your function is not your identity ~ spiritualized "what we do")

(1Pe 2:9) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,

ex: Prince Harry in military

We perform out of our identity – bring your identity to work

Pursuing His Presence

Encountering the One Who gives us identity is the starting point for everything

Love People ... our Culture

Actual change of Kingdom/Culture (Col 1:13) – love-based

ex: gang kid from Peronia (fear-based culture)

delights in mercy (Micah 7:18)

pleasure to give kingdom (Lk 12:32) ~ generous, inviting

greatest are servants (Mt 23:11)

honor (Rom 12:10), preference (Phil 2:3)

Prerequisite: Encounter God – Culture of Heaven must be experienced

(1 Jn 4) we love because He loves

Calling out the Best in Others

calling people into the culture and identity of heaven (best them)

Share Life ... our Purpose

His live, not just ours (conduit ~ Jn 7:38)

Gospel of the Kingdom (Mt 24:14)

1. Message of Christ

2. Demonstration of Kingdom (Mt 5:16)

(1Th 1:5) ⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

a. Culture (fruit of Spirit)

b. Power (gifts of Spirit)

Great Commission: preach, heal, cast out devils (Vision for this!)

Mt 10:7-8, 28:18-20, Mk 3:14-15, (6:12-13), 16:15-18, Lk 9:1-2, 6

(1Co 2:1-5) ¹And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Simple Message, Powerful Demonstration (work more on 2nd component)

Displaying His Goodness

Prerequisite: Encounter God – His fullness

(Ex 33:15-16) Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. “For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

not meant to be known by our doctrine, but by His presence

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