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s a young girl around Christmas time, I remember hearing the words, *hustle and bustle*. We don't hear hustle and bustle as

much anymore. But, if your 2022 was anything like mine, there was a lot of hustle and bustle, to say the least.

But now, we're celebrating this beautiful new year of 2023 and we have so many opportunitites to "make it count" for the kingdom of God.

I'm excited to share Habakkuk 2:4, "Write the vision down and make it plain" on page 6. I want you to understand write the vision and make it plain, make it clear, make a distinct plan to carry it out. But, I also want you to take a look at Habakkuk 1 and see how this particular vision scripture came about. It's actually the story of going through difficulty, having a concern, and finding great hope for the future. I really want you to get a vision for the future, make it plain, and carry it out according to God's perfect plan.



Take a look at Richard's article on steps for sharing the gospel. As the Lord leads you, consider how He would like you to spread the gospel of His kingdom to the people around you.

There's plenty of fun in the kitchen from the *Make Your Day Count* recipes. I hope you share them with others, and perhaps even at a get together to talk to friends about writing the vision down for 2023, sharing a meal, and sharing the gospel.

I have been declaring what God placed in my heart—that 2023 is the year for me—for me to achieve all that God has for me to do for HIs Kingdom, and I believe you can too. Genesis 12:2 says, "I'll bless you and make you a blessing." As we receive all God has for us in 2023, we can bless others as God leads, and begin a cycle of blessing in God's Kingdom.

Let's pray...let's ask... and let's expect a miracle for 2023.

In Christs love.

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No Cane and No Pain!

I emailed Richard and Lindsay believing for healing for arthritis. I could hardly walk and had to use a cane. I kept praying healing scriptures and believing God. Now, I can walk with no cane and no pain! Praise God for HIs healing power and for your ministry lifting me up in prayer. God bless you for your healing ministry!

-Karen. from Ohio

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A partner sent this photo to us to let us know we're sharing the Word of the Lord in surprising places! Praise God!

Finger healed instantly

Cherie in Ohio injured her forefinger on her left hand and because she is left-handed, she could not write or use eating utensils or do anything. While watching The Place for Miracles with Richard and Lindsay, Richard gave a word of knowledge that someone's forefinger was being healed. Cherie says that instantly her forefinger was pain-free and was healed. She is rejoicing that she now has full use of her left hand again.

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...my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty. but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11

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Write the vision down, make it plain

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

abakkuk may be one of my favorite books in the Bible and Habakkuk may be one of my favorite prophets in the Bible. And while Habakkuk is also one of the hardest to spell, I believe it's one of the easiest to understand as it contains hard decisions and amazing answers from God on how to overcome certain things. It also contains one of my most used scriptures, Habakkuk 2:2... Write the vision and make it plain.

This often-used scripture hidden away in this tiny little book could be easy to overlook based on where it's located.

Sometimes throughout our lives, we find tiny little nuggets hidden in tiny little words that are unique and so small, we might overlook them.

But little is much when God is in it.

It can be an idea, or a thought, or a tiny little concept that the Lord gives us. I believe there may be little nuggets that God may have given to you...little inventions, little ideas, little creative thoughts, little this—little that...whatever God places on your heart. And I believe that when it comes to pass, it will turn into something exactly as God has planned. But it's the kind of thing that if we're not careful, we might overlook it.

Is there something that God has been trying to say to you? Has He been saying something in that still small voice? Has He been giving you a thought, but you think, "That can't be God, it's just insignificant." Or, "I can't be used, I'm insignificant...I'm not good enough." "How could God use me?"

I pray today that as we read and talk about Habakkuk, it might just spark something that God has been trying to whisper in your ear that you may have been rejecting. It might be that little nugget that is just for you or it may be something for your neighborhood, your school, your family, maybe even for the world. I think God gives all of us a little piece of our own puzzle and that piece can come together perfectly for the unity of the body of Christ.

You may say, "I've had this wonderful vision, but I can't bring it to pass." Or, "Why would God select me? Doesn't He know who I am or what I've done or where I've been?" Let me assure you... Who you are or what you've done does not define your vision. God does that. I encourage you to read Jeremiah with Habakkuk. See that it isn't about your perfection, it's about God's call.

o, let's talk about why God said to write the vision down and to make it plain. Why did something like that make it into the Bible in such a tiny little book by a minor prophet and yet still have such a strong impact on people today?

Habakkuk 1:1-4... The problem as God gave Habakkuk to see it: GOD, how long do I have to cry out for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, "Help! Murder! Police!" before you come to the rescue? Why do you force me to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day? Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights all over the place. Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke. The wicked have the righteous hamstrung and stand justice on its head. (Message Bible)

Habakkuk was not happy. He was complaining and questioning God, appealing to Him and in a sense, saying, "Why me, God? How long do I have to cry out for help before You listen?"

Now, if I had said that, I might be running for cover, or looking for lightning to strike!

And then we go to chapter 2, verse 1... What's God going to say to my questions? I'm braced for the worst. I'll climb to the lookout tower and scan the horizon. I'll wait to see what God says, how he'll answer my complaint.

Then God, in His mercy, answered and said, "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block

letters so that it can be read on the run.
This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time. It will come in the right time." (Message Bible.)

And in verse 2:20, Habakkuk says... "But oh! GOD is in his holy Temple! Quiet everyone—a holy silence. Listen!"

Sometimes we may be doing all the talking when perhaps, holy silence may be what's needed.

Habakkuk means "embrace." God was saying, "Habakkuk, write the vision down. Embrace the vision, embrace the Giver of the vision, embrace the Problem Solver and all that He has for you."

And don't forget... When you're embracing God and He's embracing you, Satan will try to jump in and give you something else to embrace...like fear, worry, doubt or torment. Don't listen to what he is saying. Remember, the devil only comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10.) But, the righteous will live by faith.

od has a perfect timing. God does not want anyone to perish, God has a plan. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

I want to encourage you today that if you're hiding God's Word in your heart, no matter what you see, no matter what you feel, no matter what you hear, no matter your frustration level, and no matter how long you have had to wait and process your vi-

sion, asking, "God, will it ever be my turn?"... Be still and listen. Consider exercising some spiritual silence and be listening for godly instruction as He directs.

The Bible says in Romans 10:10 that we believe with our heart, not with our circumstances, not our thoughts and not what we're doing. When God speaks something into your heart, it doesn't mean it's going to happen on your timetable. It means it's going to happen on God's timetable. And in Habakkuk, He's saying, "Embrace what God is doing. Embrace this Word. Trust God. Don't embrace all the problems, embrace God. Don't embrace the rottenness of the situation, embrace God."

I practice this by saying, "I'm going to rejoice and I'm going to trust God and I'm going to expect a miracle. And... stay in faith." Because oftentimes in life, the answers don't come on our timetable, but His timetable.

Remember, also that Habakkuk is Old Testament. Imagine how much more power and authority you have now, under the new covenant. Jesus went to the cross and transferred that power to us in John chapter 17. But, it's up to us to use it by seeking God in prayer and listening for His response.

So, let me ask you... What vision has God given you? Even if it's a tiny little nugget for you to hold on to, write the vision down, make it plain.



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God's timetable.

ray. Listen to the Holy Spirit.
Ask God what your part of the puzzle is. *Write the vision down, make it plain*.
And when you do, I encourage you to hold on with every fiber of your faith, not to the problem, but to the Problem Solver.

I believe as we go into this new year and on through 2023, that we are going to see miracles, signs, and wonders. What's your evidence of it, you ask? The B-I-B-L-E...and that's good enough for me.

So, maybe you haven't yet seen exactly what you thought you would. *Write the vision down, and make it plain.* Get excited about your vision. Turn it over to the Problem Solver, and then...expect a miracle!

I want to encourage you to believe that **Something good is going to happen to you!** I encourage you to expect a miracle.

I pray for you right now, I pray for you to be encouraged and not discouraged. I pray for you to be a visionary and believe you can have a vision. I pray that you will not worry, but let God take care of you and give you peace. I pray you will experience the goodness of God in the land of the living. As you embrace God, let God embrace you. Let God arise and your enemies scatter. And I pray also for you to be healed from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet...spirit, soul, and body. I pray you'll maintain a great relationship with God through His Word and for God to heal you, restore you, encourage you and uplift you in every area of your life. I pray as you stretch forth your faith, God meets you there with great peace and joy, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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MYDC RECIPES



EASY TACO SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 1 can white hominy
- 1 can yellow hominy
- 1 can tomato/green chile mixture
- 1 can black bean soup
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 package ranch dressing seasoning

DIRECTIONS

Brown beef until thoroughly cooked and drain the fat. Onions can be grilled with beef or separated. Add remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Top with monterey jack or cheddar cheese, chopped avocados, or tortilla chips if desired.

From the MYDC Kitchen Archives.

A great soup for cold days that doesn't take too long to prepare!

DELICIOUS SQUASH SOUP

INGREDIENTS

2 whole squash (butternut or other winter squash)1/2 cup chopped onions1 stick butterCinnamon (to taste)Nutmeg (to taste)2 cups cream

DIRECTIONS

Cut each squash in half lengthwise; scoop out seeds.

Place squash halves on cookie sheet; put pat of butter inside each squash; sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg to taste.

Bake at 350° degrees for 15-20 minutes, until edges start to brown.

Sauté onions in remaining butter in large saucepan.

Remove squash from oven; scoop out center and add to onions.

Add cream and simmer; pour into blender and blend slightly. Can be topped with pepitas or tortilla strips. Serve with grilled bread.

From the MYDC Kitchen Archives.





PSALM 1

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also Shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



n the first chapter of the Book of Psalms, God sets out several basic principles to follow in order to have a blessed and happy life. I believe we ought to pay particular attention to this chapter because it shows that God intends for us to be blessed.

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What to Avoid, What to Pursue

The first thing God tells us in Psalm 1 is **what to avoid** in order to be

blessed (one translation uses the words happy, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable). He says that we are not to seek to follow the ungodly plans of those who do not serve God. Nor are we to hinder them from coming to Him by living an ungodly lifestyle while claiming to follow the Lord.

We're also told to avoid becoming scoffers and critics—that is, becoming the kind of people who are so miserable that nothing ever suits them.

After God tells us what to avoid, He tells us **what to pursue** in order to keep His blessing on our lives. He says that we're to delight ourselves in His Word and meditate on the Scriptures day and night.

Remember, we live in a world that is constantly pulling on us to do ungodly things that God cannot bless. It is essential to choose to do right. And when we meditate on God's Word, Psalm 1:3 says that we *shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither.* His Word directs us in what is right, and can give stability to our lives in what can be an unstable world.

God Can Divinely Place You

Psalm 1:3 says that we can be planted. In other words, God can place us where He wants us to be. That's an important point.

Many Christians don't know that there is a particular place where God wants them. They're doubtful and wandering, always asking, *Should I be here or somewhere else?*

But God says that if we delight ourselves in His Word, He would

not only plant us but He would plant us by the rivers of water—that special place of richness where many rivers come together, where there will always be an abundance of life-giving water.

Nature's Power Source

A tree needs an abundance of water to live, grow, and produce fruit. And that's the next promise. God says that the godly man *bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither* (v. 3).

I had made a study of leaves with biologists and botanists, and discussed with Jewish rabbis what the phrase his leaf also shall not wither means in the Hebrew. I discovered that the leaf of a tree is like a little green factory that produces food for the tree.

It is actually the power source of the tree. The leaf connects itself with the water source, scoops up the water, and spreads it throughout the tree. In other words, the leaf keeps the tree alive.

God's Power Source

What keeps us alive spiritually is the *living water* Jesus referred to in John 7:37–38.

The Bible says that on the feast day called the Day of Pentecost, the people overturned barrels of water and let the water run down the temple steps. Then they danced in it, rejoicing and praising God for a ...true prosperity
only comes
when we do
what God is
telling us to do.

successful harvest.

Watching the people celebrate, Jesus said, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (vv. 37–38).

Then the Bible says, This spake he [Christ] of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified (v. 39).

In other words, Jesus planned from the beginning that when we believe on Him, we would receive the Holy Spirit to live inside of us as our Helper. And with the Holy Spirit in us, out of our bellies—our inner man where speaking in tongues begins—would flow rivers of living water.

In essence, Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans. When I am sitting at My Father's right hand and you're here on the earth with unanswerable questions, not knowing what to do, I will send you another Comforter to take My place. It will be as if I am there with you in the flesh."

People often ask me why I pray in tongues. I pray in tongues because the mysteries of life are too much for me and the problems are overwhelming. I pray in tongues because I don't know how to pray as I ought every time, but the Holy Spirit know. He knows the mind and will of God, and Romans 8:26 says that He intercedes for us with groaning for which there is no equal in human speech.

Godly Prosperity

The next line of Psalm 1 is amazing to me. It says, Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Time and time again, people take this verse out of context and confess it over their lives. But it won't work that way. According to this scripture, true prosperity only comes when we do what God is telling us to do.

Are we refusing to base our decisions on the advice of ungodly people? Are we avoiding being a stumbling block to sinners? Are we choosing not to be a gossiper, a scoffer, a critic, or a worn-out, miserable person? Are we delighting ourselves in God's Word and meditating on the Scriptures day and night?

Godly prosperity only happens when we do what God's Word tells us to do...and this includes planting our seeds of faith to God and expecting Him to multiply them back to us in the way we need it the most.

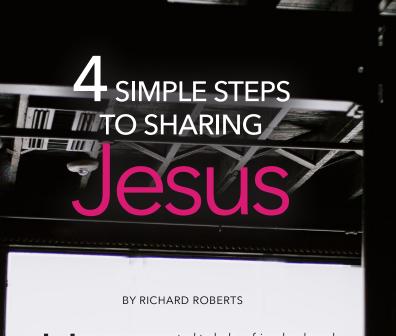
Blessed is the person

If you are basing your life on the Word of God and following all that He tells you to do, according to Psalm1, we can make this declaration of faith right now:

Thank You, Lord, that You have planted me by the rivers of living water. I bring forth fruit in my season, and my leaf— which is my power source—does not wither.

Furthermore, I have the Holy Spirit living in me, and I'm taking up the living water of the Spirit and letting it spread throughout my being And because I am a child of God who follows Your Word, all that I do can prosper.





ave you ever wanted to help a friend or loved one come to a personal relationship with Jesus, but you didn't really feel comfortable doing it? Perhaps, like many of us have done, you let the opportunity to share about Jesus slip away.

I want to give you some tips that I have learned in more than 30 years of being an evangelist that I believe can help you step out of your comfort zone and share Jesus with those around you.



I believe one of the most important things you can do to help bring people to Christ is:

1. Share what God has done for you.

Mark 16:15 tells us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As we walk in God's love with others, it's amazing to me how people can see and feel God's light in us. And as you share from your own personal testimony of what God has done in your life, it can open the door for others to begin to share their questions and concerns with you. Sometimes it's just a matter of taking those first few steps.

I believe it's time to be bold and not timid. Jesus' Great Commission in Mark 16 gives us insight to authority we can use to share what God has done in our lives.

2. Be Compassionate.

Matthew14:14 says when Jesus saw a great multitude, "He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick."

I believe that when someone is not living for God, many times they may already feel convicted in their heart. So rather than "jamming" Jesus down their throats, we can let His compassion—the need they have for Him—just come rising up in us. Compassion is the love of God in action, and I believe that people often want to respond to that kind of love.

3. Help them understand their need for a Savior.

Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We all make mistakes; we all commit sins. And without repentence—or changing our mind,

turning away from our sins and turning toward God—we can lose our soul and miss heaven's best. It is not God' wish that should happen.

I often tell people hell was not made for people; hell was made for Satan and the demons that fell with him. Heaven was made for people, and that's where God wants us to spend eternity with Him, and that relationship comes through accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives. John 1:12 tells us, "As many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become the children of God."

4. Encourage them to make a decision for Christ now.

Today, the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:2, is the day of salvation. When God opens that doors and you can tell their heart is listening, offer to pray with them. Often, I will just ask people, "Would you like me to pray with you right now to ask Jesus into your heart?" I've never had anyone turn down my prayers, especially when I ask in that spirit.

Here is a sample salvation prayer that anyone can pray, and when they do it sincerely, from their heart, they can be born again:

Lord, I ask You to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I repent of my sins. I renounce satan and all of his works. Please forgive me and give me a fresh new start. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Proverbs 11:30 says, "he who wins souls is wise." I believe as we begin to step out in faith and obedience, God can help us lead people to Jesus.

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With your prayers and support, we are sharing the Gospel of Jesus in some of the most underserved areas of the world!

his is a season of growth and expansion! Because of our faithful partners, we are walking through new doors that only God could open. A few months ago, Richard ministered to over 15,000 pastors and their wives in Pakistan during a 3-day video conference in three different cities. During the conference, Richard encouraged the pastors to believe God for healing, to allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to operate and flourish in their services, and to plant seeds of faith and believe God for the harvest that they need. What

followed was glorious!

Many testimonies of pastors and their families receiving healing miracles were emailed to us! Praise God, Pakistan is just one of the countries where the doors have been opened. India, Cameroon, Nicaragua and Ukraine are others!

This is a strategic time in history... and we ask you to prayerfully join us to reach these remote and underserved areas of the world with the transforming Gospel of Jesus.





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