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**SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP**

**YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN:**  
**Observations about Skyline Church on Dedication Day, May 6-7, 2000**

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**Observations... Thoughts... Reflections**

1. **It's Easier to Return Home if You Left** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. I tried to leave with \_\_\_\_\_
- B. I handled the \_\_\_\_\_ before I left.
- C. I have \_\_\_\_\_ support to Jim Garlow and the church.
- D. I truly left the church.

2. **There Is a Relationship Between Great** \_\_\_\_\_ **and Great** \_\_\_\_\_.

Waiting time need not be wasted time!

Search the Scriptures. Search the pages of church history. You won't find an example of anyone God used in even a small way who did not make some kind of sacrifice in order to pursue the vision. Sacrifice and risk are always part of the equation.

When you make a genuine sacrifice for the sake of your vision, two things happen:

- 1. The people around you catch a glimpse of what's in your heart.
- 2. You catch a glimpse of what's in there was well.

—Andy Stanley, *Visioneering*.

3. **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **Faithful People Make a** \_\_\_\_\_ **Difference**

High Morale—We \_\_\_\_\_ Make a Difference

## Low Morale—We \_\_\_\_\_ Make a Difference

It is interesting that Nehemiah never prayed for God to rebuild the wall. What he prays for is an *opportunity* to go rebuild it himself. That is the difference between a dreamer and a visionary. Dreamers dream about things being different. Visionaries envision themselves making a difference. Dreamers think about how nice it would be for something to be done. Visionaries look for an opportunity to do something.

—Andy Stanley, *Visioneering*

### 4. **Courage and Obedience today = \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ times God told His people to be courageous and obey (Joshua 1).

### 5. **What God \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_.**

You probably need to put this one on your bathroom mirror for a month or two. *How* is never a problem for God. It is usually a big problem for us. But *how* is God's specialty. If the Old and New Testament teach us anything, they teach us that nothing is too difficult for God. What he originates, he orchestrates.

Think back for a minute. Can you remember one Old or New Testament story in which the responsibility of figuring out how a divine vision would be fulfilled fell to the men or women to whom God gave the vision? Did Moses have to come up with a way to get the Israelites out of Egypt? Across the Red Sea? Through the desert? Was it David's responsibility to figure out how to get Saul out of the way so he could ascend the throne of Israel? When Jesus told the apostles to feed the five thousand, were they responsible for figuring out how to make the five loaves and two fish go that far? Were the disciples responsible for figuring out how to get the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth?

No. In every situation, God orchestrated events in such a way that those involved recognized the thumbprint of God. These were ordinary men and women who just did what they knew to do while never losing sight of the vision God had birthed in their hearts

—Andy Stanley, *Visioneering*

## GOOD IDEAS VS. GOD IDEAS

If we were talking about good ideas, that would be different. Good ideas are limited to our potential, connections, and resources. If you are simply pursuing a good idea, then you need to devote a great deal of time and energy trying to figure out how to pull it off.

A divine vision, on the other hand, is limited only by God's potential and resources. That means anything is possible. It if is just a good idea, you have to *make* it

happen. When God gives you a vision, there's a sense in which you stand back and *watch* it happen.

**6. God's Vision for the Church is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than the Present Leader.**

### THE END OF A GOD-ORDAINED VISION IS GOD

If you are pursuing a vision God has birthed in your heart, there will be moments along the way when you will find yourself standing in awe of what He has done on your behalf. In those moments, your attention will be drawn away from the work of your hands to the faithfulness of your heavenly Father.

Your visions are not only avenues God will use to do something through you. They are also avenues God will use to do something in you. For the natural response to his intervention is worship, surrender, and obedience.

—Andy Stanley, *Visioneering*

**7. Great Accomplishments Require \_\_\_\_\_**

Visions demand constant attention. Stay fully engaged.

Visioneering calls for bold leadership. Develop a healthy intolerance for those things that have the potential to impede your progress toward what could be and should be—those things God has put in your heart to do.

—Andy Stanley, *Visioneering*

**8. It Pays to \_\_\_\_\_ Your People**

You will never be an effective leader until you include those you lead in what you do.

—C. Gene Wilkes, *Jesus on Leadership*

**9. \_\_\_\_\_ the Differences of Different Leaders**

There are a few ways to manage effectively.

There are many ways to lead effectively.

**10. Understand and Appreciate the Different Roles You Have as a Leader**

## RESOURCES

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*The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader: Becoming the Person Others Will Want to Follow* (1999)  
*Developing the Leader Within You* (1998)  
*The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership : Follow Them and People Will Follow You* (1998)  
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