Vision: A picture of a preferred future.

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Then, after doing all those things,

 I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

 Your old men will dream dreams,

 and your young men will see visions. –Joel 2:28

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1. Feed your focus. Starve your distractions.

2. Commit to your dreams. Stop caving into comfort.

3. Plagiarizing dreams is the slowest and most painful way live and die.

4. We are a product of our past, but we don’t have to be captives of it.

5. Being a people pleaser and a dream chaser are not compatible.

6. Jesus teaches us about crafting our vision when He teaches us to pray: “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

7. You are not an accident. You are here today for a purpose.

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8. Discipline is the bridge you must cross to turn your dreams into reality.

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For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. –Hebrews 12:11

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Discipline is doing what needs done even if you don’t want to do it.

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You have two options: You can suffer the pain of discipline or you can suffer the pain of regret.

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9. If you can accomplish your vision on your own then it’s not big enough.

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So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. –Acts 8:30-31

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Asking for help doesn’t mean you are weak. It means you are wise.

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Growth takes time and asking for help is usually a courageous next step.

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10. A vision isn’t what you see in your sleep. A vision doesn’t let you sleep.

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“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. –Joshua 1:3

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Does it keep you up at night? Then it matters. It’s that simple.

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Characteristics of a Strong Vision

Exciting

Realistic

Short

Memorable

Specific

Success is definable