House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

June: Running with Vision

Week 2 - Writing the vision

Introduction

A short pencil is better than a long memory, they say. Had Matthew, Mark, Luke and John not written of their experience we may not be able to visualise the life of Christ as we do now. Had Moses not written the Pentateuch, we may not have been able to read about and communicate the redemption vision of God for mankind as we are now able to. It is instructive that when God called Moses up to Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the commandments in writing. We learn from the temptation of Christ, that the battle was fought and won on the basis of what was written. In short, the Bible, God's articulation of His vision for mankind, is written down for our benefit. This means we can study it, remind ourselves of what is contained in it, use it as a roadmap for navigating through our destiny, a blueprint for building our future, and a means of communicating the same vision across multiple generations. God has given us a clear precedent by writing His vision. Have you written yours?

Pilot text

<u>Hab 2:2</u> Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

<u>Jer 30:2</u> "Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.

- Why should we write down our vision for our lives and ministries?
 - Exo 17:14, Exo 24:4, 34:27, Jer 30:2, Psa 40:7 & Heb 10:7, Rev 1:19. Rev 1:11, 1
 Cor 10:11, 1 Tim 3:14-15, Exo 24:12, Psa 102:18.
- How should the vision be written?
 - o Hab 2:2, Deut 10:1-2, Deut 27:8, Jer 30:2, 31:33, Heb 8:10, Heb 10:16, Luke 1:3.
- Take home actions
 - Take some time over the next week to write down your vision for your life. If you have not written anything down, now is the time to ask why, and consider whether you should be seeking help with doing so. Next week, we will consider how to run with the vision that you have written down.