Matthew 28:16-20

FOOTBALL: If you aren’t a fan, let me explain: This week marks the beginning of the most and least exciting time for a browns fan:

most exciting because we are getting into the playoffs and the upcoming super bowl

least because as a browns fan I’ve never experienced it

popular question right now: Will Tom Brady, the goat QB, play for the patriots? Will he play for another team?

Real question: does he have the desire to play at all? Does he have the desire left after accomplishing his goals?

I try not to use sports references, but I think in this moment, its similar with the church culture:

What separates a church body from being successful?

Must have dynamic vision to chase after instead of a list of goals to achieve

Insanity: "Doing the same thing over and over while expecting different results.”

I THINK we’ve allowed achieving goals to become more important than following vision.

Following Vision > Achieving Goals

Vision is:

\* Vehicle that keeps you on mission

\* Sustainable fuel for your mission

\* Ongoing process of achievement

Goals are:

\* Measurable destination that is celebrated

\* Benchmark to achieve

\* Finishing point to arrive to in order to make a new standard

WHEN YOU’VE ARRIVED, THERE’S NO REASON TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT…

This leads to spiritual apathy, which is KILLING the church today.

QUESTION: **How do we defeat spiritual apathy?** **Dynamic Vision.**

Steps to a dynamic vision

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20

1. Obedience always precedes purpose (v 16)

• "where Jesus told them to go"

• He knew that the disciples had to be in the right place to receive the purpose

• We want the spoils without fighting the war

• When we don’t immediately get what we seek, we grow apathetic

• step two can't happen if step one isn't taken

• God may be waiting on you to be obedient first **(Matt 25: 14-30, parable of the**

**talents)** The last servant took what the Master gave him and buried it.

**Why is this bad?** He made a bad investment but hiding it.

2. Powerful vision crushes the critics voice (v 17-19)

• "they worshipped Him; but some doubted"

• They had just been crushed by the resurrection and weren’t ready to trust

• doubted: literally means *hesitated*.

•Dynamic Vision will have its doubters – acknowledging that a vision that

is safe ≠ a vision that is dynamic

• "all authority...therefore go"

• because Jesus has ALL AUTHORITY, He has authority over: sickness and disease, marriages and relationships, death and life, all rulers and principalities, generational chains, broken hearts and anger…**BECAUSE HE HAS AUTHORITY OVER ALL OF THESE THINGS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MISSION WITH A DYNAMIC VISION…WHICH IS TO…**

• “make disciples of all nations”

• NOTICE: it doesn’t say make converts and build numbers

• Make disciples

• Baptize them in the name of the Trinity

• Teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded

• This purpose is different from what Jesus himself did on earth!

• baptizing and obeying are goals of the vision

3. Purpose makes the sacrifice worthy

\* "obey everything I have commanded you"

• how do we begin to accomplish this?

• God’s law vs. Man’s law

• Sacrifice without purpose begins to taste bitter in our hearts

• The payoff is for other people’s souls

\* "I am with you always"

• how to not lose heart: sustained by the Holy Spirit

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Trailside's Goals for 2019:

1. Gain a semi-permanent location in order to launch regular ministries

2. Double the congregation

**Problem: we thought achieving goals would accomplish our mission**

**We achieved them, and then fought apathy**

**VISION that is dynamic is the gas in the tank.**

Trailside's Vision for 2020:

1. A starfish commission

\* Co: \_\_\_\_(together - partnership)

\* Mission: \_\_\_\_(calling)

STARFISH PROBLEM

2. Change what we care about

\* The vision of the church must be owned by the church

\* Spiritual Conversations Matter

\* 3 T Giving

\* \_\_\_\_(Time)

\* \_\_\_\_(Talent)

\* \_\_\_\_(Treasure)

Without personal ownership of the mission, we will struggle forever

Time is your most valuable possession: **we don’t want to waste it.**

Talent is your God given ability: **we don’t want to misutilize it.**

Treasure is giving back what God has given you: **we don’t want to mismanage it.**

Note: Josh, Financial Report coming

3. Ownership in discipleship and Community

\* new \_\_\_\_(staff). Doug and Carmen, Josh, Hanna

\* new \_\_\_\_(pastors) Ordaining pastors

\* Starts with next week serve team training

Equipping followers of Christ to be fishers of men

Facilitating opportunity for marriages to matter

Is your 2020 full of \*\*goals\*\* or does it contain \*\*vision\*\*?