Seeing Beyond the Obstacles

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"Vision is the ability to see God's presence, to perceive God's power, and to focus on God's plan in spite of the obstacle

I. Vision Sees God's PRESENCE

2 Kings 6:15–17 "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them... Then the Lord opened the young man's eyes, and he saw..."

Action Step #1: Practice GOD-Awareness

II. Vision Perceives God's POWER

<u>Ephesians 1:18–19</u> "...that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened... to know the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe."

Action Step #2: Speak POWER Instead of Fear

Declare daily: "The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me."

III. Vision Focuses on God's PLAN

<u>Habakkuk 2:2–3</u> "Write the vision and make it plain... For the vision is yet for an appointed time... Though it tarries, wait for it; it will surely come."

Action Step #3: Write Your God-Given VISION

Sometime this week, write down:

- 1. What God has placed in your heart
- 2. What steps you can take in obedience
- 3. What distractions you need to eliminate

IV. Vision Endures **OBSTACLES**

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."

Action Step #4: Look to JESUS, Not the Obstacles

Vision is the ability to:

- See God's presence when fear surrounds you
- Perceive God's power when challenges rise
- Focus on God's plan when distractions multiply

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