

Growing Intentional Vision

Famous innovationist and founder of Z + Partner, Andrew Zolli, says “You must have imagination. Without imagination you cannot anticipate the future, and if you can’t anticipate the future, you can’t impact it.” The Creator of the universe was not lacking imagination when He created the heavens and the earth. Through His imagination in creation He anticipated the future since He is the Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end of time).

If we lack imagination for the future, also known as vision, we must pray to He that holds the future in His hands, the one who destines our wills and dreams. There was a period of time while Pastor Sarah and I were students that we were asked to write 25 dreams down a day. Not that everything would come true, but it allowed us to go to a place where we could think beyond the present and believe God could take us somewhere. If we look to the future, our vision should see beyond the present. God isn’t stagnant, and His purposes fulfilled through our lives are bigger than our current place. Vision is prophetic; by Zolli’s definition, it means “imagination for the future”.

Take this moment to pause, put on music, take out your journal (or piece of paper) and take time to write out some dreams and visions. Pray first and ask God to download his thoughts for the future. Start imagining for the future in the following areas:

- *Spiritually*
- *Career*
- *Family*
- *Marriage/Children*
- *School*
- *Friends*
- *Hobbies*

When you have had adequate time to imagine, share some of your God dreams with your partner.

Vision gives us a target to shoot at. If we can see where we want to shoot, it’s easier to recognize the steps that need to be taken to get to the center of the target. This will potentially make more sense when we are to take different (or difficult) steps along the way, making it easier to follow the will of God. With no target we have nowhere to hit and can easily stray and shoot in directions away from where we intended to.

Read Matthew 26:36-46.

Focus on verses 37-42. What is Jesus grieved and distressed about? What is the cup he is referring to in verse 39?

Verse 42 similarly repeats verse 39, but there is a different tone. What do you notice about the difference in the verse? What is the ultimate vision that Christ is availing his will to the Father's?

Think about the facts of Christ's life brought to completion on earth in order to fulfill the vision of being the Savior of the universe eternally. *What are some of those things?* Recognize that at any time if he would have lost sight of the vision, there would have been no Savior.

What are some things you think Christ relied on in God's character in order to fulfill his vision? What things will you have to rely on so that you can, by the will of the Father, fulfill his vision for your life?

In the Kingdom, vision is bigger than the fulfillment of that vision. A Kingdom Vision will be accompanied by eternal value. What he has in store for you isn't for a moment of impact. It will impact everyone and everything you touch until it is fulfilled, the fulfilling of it will rock systems, and even after your time on earth is completed, it will influence everything it touches. And it will impact eternity, Heaven.

Today, go after eternal vision. A vision for your life that if fulfilled will impact eternity.