

PICTURES

"Pastor, how can I communicate vision? I want people to remember my words and be inspired by them." To communicate vision, you must be able to paint pictures on the inside of people. Note, we do on the outside what we picture on the inside! Therefore, if you want people to grasp a vision you must paint vivid pictures in their minds - pictures they can easily comprehend. Zechariah is a good example of someone who was able to influence people in this way. He did so because he knew people think in images. In Zechariah chapter five, the prophet describes a vision of a flying scroll declaring a curse on everyone who swears or steals. Then he tells of another vision concerning two women flying through the air carrying a basket. These kinds of portraits capture the imagination and make God's thoughts memorable to His people.

We know that God's thoughts are far higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:9), but we are able to get a glimpse of them through the wonderful images that His word creates on the inside of us. Your heart is a blank canvas, waiting for the Master Painter to create memorable portraits that will propel you toward your destiny. God knows what picture you need on the inside, in order to do what is necessary on the outside! That is why the most powerful revelation from His Word is often accompanied by a vivid image or vision. When I asked the Lord to show me why His name has so much authority in the spirit realm (as per Philippians 3:10), He gave me a vision that changed my life. I was transported to a room that was pitch black and full of nocturnal creatures (with eyes everywhere). I couldn't see my hand, even when I held it up close to my face. Then the Lord whispered, "Speak My name." So I said, "JESUS." Suddenly a six thousand watt bulb was switched on and I saw these nocturnal creatures flee in every direction. In a split-second, the room was empty, clear and bright! Then the Lord said to me, "That's what happens to the forces of darkness every time you say My Name!" That vision is indelibly printed on the inside of me, so when I'm praying for people in the Name of Jesus, I know the awesome effect it's having in the realm of the spirit.

Another vision I had was after teaching on Colossians 1:27, "***Christ in you, the hope of glory.***" I was in the pastor's room with one of our pastors Kathleen Coleman, when I was prompted to lay my hands on her. She was sitting down at the time so I stood in front of her and extended my right hand. As I did that, the Lord manifested Himself in me in such a profound way that I ceased to feel present in my own body. His "person" had suddenly inhabited every aspect of my being! And then I saw Kathleen as a young girl, even though she's probably the oldest person in our church. When I told her what I had seen, she started to weep because that very morning she was thinking of the time she started her walk with the Lord. Since then, when I'm praying for people I have a profound sense of the Lord's presence in me!

My prayer is that God's portraits become vividly painted on the inside of you, and as a result, they truly capture your imagination and make His divine thoughts so memorable that your life will be transformed forever.