

Series: Vision Sunday  
Message: A Vision to Win a City  
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#### Introduction:

Every so often, it is necessary that I share the vision of the house. Not only to the new people that have joined us at some point this year, but even for those who have been with us. A vision has to be communicated early and often.

Scripture says in Amos 3:3 – “Can two walk together, except they are in agreement?” When we as shepherds of this house want to move in a direction, we have to communicate and convince you that you cannot stay one more minute where you are at.

A shepherd leads, but the sheep must be convinced this is the way to go. I want you to come away feeling like you have a solid understanding of what our vision and mission is here at Shiloh so that you feel confident and excited about where we are going.

Having a strong vision allows us to say yes wholeheartedly to those things that line up with the vision of God for our house and allows us to say no to good things which we discern are not for us, at least not for now. We believe that agreement and unity are key. That is why we put the full weight of the church behind most endeavors that we feel are contributing to the vision of the house.

We have a saying: “In everything we do, whether big or small, we do it together.”

So if you are here, God wants you to be in the vision of this house. Some of you have already grown in the Word at other places but you may be carrying a different vision. Two visions can bring division. We cannot walk together unless we are in agreement. So I will explain every step of the vision, which is simple, but has many components to it. I am calling this message: A Vision to Win a City.

#### Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

#### 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I

became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

2 Timothy 2:2-3

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Acts 18:24-26

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Matthew 10:5-6

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 13:2-3

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.