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## Vision - Week 4

### Message Discussion Questions

#### **Introduction:**

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Vision'. Do you have a game plan for your life, or are you like many people who have no vision, no mission, no agenda, no purpose? Do you remember the quote from past weeks: "Everyone ends up somewhere...but few people end up somewhere on purpose"? Do you know what God's purpose is for your life, God's plan, God's will, or God's Vision? Do you know how to find it?

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Vision from God's perspective and the four phases of finding God's Vision that we find in scripture. This week for Part 4 we'll look at the third phase, Predictable Resistance. This is what happens when the enemy does anything he can to keep from the vision God has for you.

#### **Questions:**

1. In your life, how have you responded when you have faced resistance? Do you take it in stride and count on God to help you overcome it or has it sidetracked or stopped you from moving forward? Acts 20:22-24
2. Do you agree with this statement: 'With every opportunity, there is always an obstacle'? With every promise is there always a problem? What could obstacles look like in your life?
3. What were the spies going into Canaan to do? What was required for them to realize the vision God had for them? Why is the word 'but' a very important and powerful word in the Bible? What could be

wrong with the word 'but' when it comes to following God's will? Numbers 13:17-20; 27-29

4. As you look at your life, how big is your 'but'? Could the word 'but' be keeping you from wonderful opportunities and the vision that God has for your life? Is there a 'big but' in your way? Numbers 13:30-31
5. Do you believe that: 'It's not the obstacle that will determine success or failure...it's how you perceive the obstacle.' Do you perceive the opportunity or the obstacle? Does it matter that the obstacle is bigger than you? When it comes to opportunity why does it matter who started it? Numbers 13:31; Philippians 1:6; Joshua 2:24
6. Is the opposition you face getting more and more difficult? Is it true that the bigger the obstacle, the closer you are to fulfilling the God sized opportunity in your life? The harder the opposition, the closer you are to victory?
7. Is the devil fighting you hard, can you hold on to the vision God has for you and believe that there must be a God thing going on? In that moment of Predictable Resistance can you press on and lift your perspective above your problem and recognize God's promise?

**Key Takeaway:** *When you step out in faith and you chase those God-sized opportunities, when you decide that you're going to follow God's Vision, all hell's going to break loose. And in that moment of predictable resistance, you've got to press through the obstacle and keep your eye on the opportunity. It's all about your perception.*

### **Summary:**

- In your life, when have you faced resistance? How did you respond?
- With every opportunity there's always an obstacle. Do you agree that is true?
- Why is the word 'but' a powerful word when in the Bible?
- Is your 'big but' keeping you from opportunities that God has for you?
- It's not the obstacle that will determine success or failure...it's how you perceive the obstacle.
- The bigger the obstacle, the closer you are to fulfilling the God sized opportunity in your life. The harder the opposition, the closer you are to victory.
- If the devil is fighting you that hard, there must be a God thing going on. You've got to lift your perspective above your problem and recognize God's promise.