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I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a *light to the nations*... Isaiah 42:6

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### 2 Corinthians 4:18

*...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

**How do you** look at things that you can't see? This is obviously not talking about a natural way of looking at something. So, we can see there is a natural seeing, or natural vision, and there is also a spiritual seeing – spiritual vision.

**The Apostle Paul** is writing here to Christians. And as Christians we have the ability to look at things which are not seen. Those things that are seen are temporary – that's why we are not to give so much attention to them. Everything that our 5 senses can pick up, things you can see, hear, smell, taste or touch - are all very temporary. You can step outside and you can tell if it's cold or hot, but that can change – especially at this time of year. So he's saying we shouldn't give too much notice to those things, because they will change. You don't try to build our life on those things. But it is important *how* we see things.

**Most of us** know how faith comes - Romans 10:17 – *faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God*. But I don't think too many people really understand what is happening when we hear something. We *see* what we hear. If you don't see it, you don't have full understanding of it.

**We deal with** people, and treat people and things totally based on how we see them. If you change the way you see a thing, you will also change the way you treat it.

**The Apostle Paul** had a big change in the way He saw things on the road to Damascus. Paul (Saul at that time) saw followers of Jesus as something that should be eliminated from the face of the earth. In Acts chapter 9 Paul was on his way to Damascus for the very purpose of cleansing the area of followers of this new sect when Jesus Himself confronted him and began to put in him a different way of seeing things - a different vision.

**Paul received a** new vision of taking the gospel to all the

known world - to gentiles, kings *and* the children of Israel. Paul had a vision of standing before kings and he did! He stood before Festus, Felix and Caesar. He did it!

**And it wasn't** just a simple thing. For instance, he was out in the middle of the sea in a huge storm (Acts 27) and it looked like he wasn't going to make it, when an angel came and stood by him and told him the whole crew would be saved because of him. It was as if the angel reminded him, "*Paul, you can't die out here, because you've got to see Caesar.*" The vision of victory in Paul was much greater than the attack of the enemy.

**Then there's Father Abraham.** Talk about an impossible vision! But here is the key to his victory in **Rom 4:19-21**:

19 And not being weak in faith, he **did not consider** his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

**Notice that Abraham** didn't deny the obvious problem of age and infertility, he just didn't consider it. He was convinced that what God had promised (vision) God was able to perform.

**Another great example** of the importance of how you see things is the story of the 12 spies Moses sent to spy out the promised land (Numbers 13 and 14). All 12 spies "saw" the same things, but ten returned with what the Bible calls an "evil" report. While they saw themselves as grasshoppers, unable to take the land, Joshua and Caleb saw the promised land through the eyes of the vision God gave them to possess the land. Of that whole generation, only Joshua and Caleb lived to enter the land and enjoy the victory God had promised. The others had a vision of going back to Egypt, or dying in the wilderness, and that's what they got!

**We are talking** about a *spiritual* vision that is essential to victory. How do you see yourself? If you can begin to see



In the picture **above left** Pastor Szilvia Sule (holding microphone) prepares to distribute communion elements with the help of one of the church members. In Ózd, Hungary. Pastor Szilvia and her husband Pastor Istvan Sule Pastor the church in Ózd, which is growing steadily **Above right**, in Szakcs, the weather has finally warmed up enough that they put up the tent we bought for them last year. The Szakcs church is led by Pastor Norbert Rozsa and his wife Alexia. We are excited to be able to spend time in both Ózd and Szakcs. **Bottom of page** is an advertisement being seen on facebook alerting people to the meetings coming up in Ózd and Szakcs.. Your prayers are appreciated.

yourself differently, hold on to that vision and **consider not** the vision the enemy wants to look at, you will become a different person. You become what you look at.

**It is our** intent through our weekly Skype teaching sessions and this newsletter to highlight the connection of vision, faith and victory. Our major point of emphasis for 2024 is that 2024 is a year of victory!

**By the time** you receive this newsletter, we will already have arrived in Hungary. We appreciate your prayers as we travel with Pastor Thomas Lohnke from Switzerland and Brian and Luann Eager from Minnesota. We will be ministering in the Light to the Nations churches in Ózd and Szakcs, Hungary. We will also be hosting other pastors and leaders from churches in Hungary and Romania.

**We are thrilled** with the progress of Light to the Nations video Bible schools in Hungary and Romania. Under the

direction of Barna Luczi, interest in the Light to the Nations Bible school has increased and continues to grow. We will be presenting 45 diplomas between now and August. During our visit, we will be presenting two diplomas to people who have completed the third year course of study, and one for second year. Pastor Thomas will present the rest (first year) in August after everyone has finished the first year course.

**Your commitment to** Light to the Nations is very important to us. We would like to thank everyone for your support of Light to the Nations, both with prayer and with finances. We want you to know you are extremely important to this ministry. Thank you!

Love and blessings,

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*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel  
to every creature. Mark 16:15*



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