

Introduction:

- The first time I went snow skiing, I was overwhelmed. What does a flat-footed, flat-landed swamp boy from Louisiana know about snow skiing? I thought only way I was ever going to come down that mountain was in the ski patrol bone bucket. Thankfully, I discovered ski school. Ski school met on the bunny slope, which I considered to be a bit of an insult. But I went anyway, because I really needed the schooling. I discovered that not only could I stand up on skis, I could actually slide down the slope! The problem with snow skiing is not sliding downhill, it's turning and stopping. My ski school instructor, named Ian or Lars or something like that, soon got to teaching me how to turn. He said, "turn right," and I would twitch and jerk right, but not turn. Ian or Lars said, "just look to the right," not understanding how that might help, I did it anyway. Sure enough, when I just looked to the right, I began to turn to the right. Same thing with turning left. "Just look to the left," Ian or Lars said. Bam, I went left. In fact, wherever I looked, that's the direction I went. **Application:** Vision is looking down the road where God wants you to go. When you look there, guess what happens? You will naturally go there. Look down the road in the direction God wants you to go and you will go there, every time
 - Pr 29:18 **Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.** NKJV
 - Pr 29:18 **If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.** THE MESSAGE
 - If we can't see what we are called to then we will cast of restraint. Proverbs 29:18
 - When the vision gets in you, you restrain yourself from doing other things so as to apply yourself to what God is calling.
 - Thought the following was a good word for Freedom Christian Center from one of our worshipers: "Happy New Year.. As I have been praying for my family and our Freedom family concerning this new year, I keep hearing: set your hand to the plow. I feel like this is a year of productivity as we set our hands to the plow for the kingdoms sake! Love you both and we are so happy to be a part of what God is doing at Freedom and through Freedom"
1. **Revelation is Light**
- a. Revelation is light to us. David said in Ps 119, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and light to my path." Ie. Revelation= "light bulb coming on!"
 - b. Revelation as light gives us:
 - i. Revelation gives us guidance.
 - ii. Revelation gives us direction.
 - iii. Revelation gives us identity.
 - iv. Revelation gives us vision, the ability to see.
 - c. Where there is no revelation (guidance, direction, identity) people live wildly, unrestrained.
 - i. One of the beautiful aspects of God is that He gives us, if we allow Him, He gives us guidance, direction, and identity and vision.
 - ii. Prophetic history reveals God's desire for what He wants us to become. It is where vision comes from. It is God giving us glimpses of the big picture.
 1. What the excitement of vision doesn't give us is how much we will have to struggle or how long it will take. When God gave Abraham the word that he

would be the father of many nations there was no mention of the next 50 years of struggle before the word became a reality.

2. We see Abraham both winning victories and creating struggles as he moved toward that word.
3. 1 Ti 1:18 **This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, NKJV**

2. What You Should Know About Freedom

a. What Defines Us:

i. Holy Spirit

1. The Supernatural. We want to be naturally supernatural.
2. The moving of the Holy Spirit in His gifts, in the fruit of H.S., and supernatural signs and wonders.

ii. Prayer

1. Revelation 5:8=Prayer and Worship
2. We believe prayer changes things.

iii. Prophetic - Revelation

1. Prophecy is God communicating His thoughts, will, intentions, and purpose to His people.

iv. Apostolic

1. The planting of local churches and the establishing of the Kingdom in all facets of society.

v. Raising up forerunners - discipling well, those who desire to live on the edge!

1. People who live knowing the sound of heaven.
2. People who live the Word of God radically.
3. People who live to the Kingdom established in the earth.
4. We all must commit to making disciples of Jesus and getting each one functioning in their kingdom gifting.

b. Vision:

- i. We desire to see a strong local church established here in east-central Florida that will train people in the knowledge of the word and of Christ, activate them by allowing them to practice what they have learned, and send them as mature, zealous Christians to reproduce themselves in others, both on a local and global scale.
- ii. We desire to become a spiritual hub of activity with purpose where people come in and go out. It will be a place for those broken and defeated in life to get healed and restored. It will be a place where people of all races and walks of life will come to be encouraged, trained, and released into ministry.
- iii. Our vision includes preparing the young, from the nursery to adult, not just teaching them to discern right and wrong, but also equipping them to do what is right; activating them to be a righteous standard in an unholy world, and releasing them to confront what is wrong in society and restore those who have been its victims.
- iv. Our vision is to see the life changing power of God heal the sick, give new life, free those mentally oppressed, and empower Christians to take the Gospel into all the earth.
- v. We desire to plant at least three local churches and send equipped saints all over the world to make disciples of all people.

c. What God has said about us.

i. Missions this also reflects apostolic grace.

1. What you have seen in your spirit is but a small thing of what I yet shall do. And I will give out of this place, says the Lord. And even a tithe shall come forth that shall go forth around the world. And I will enflame your youth...Glenn Miller 4/91
2. Son if you will honor me, I will make you a voice in the land and I will cause your feet to travel around the world and I will enflame you with my ability, and I will even lay the prophetic anointing over your life. Glen Miller 4?91
3. And this is the branch going out over the wall, this is the branch going out under the stranger, this is the ministry I've called you unto to be one that will set men on fire for Me and get them oriented in their call of what I've called them unto in light. And so it is that I send you across the seas, because there are men crying out for direction, crying out unto Me to hear a word from God and I'm going to give it to you My son...Huck 12/92
4. I don't know how much you've been to Africa, but I see extensive ministry to Africa in days to come. I see your heart just beating for that part of the world. I see a lot of teams here going, and I see hubs here in Africa primarily some places you will have a long-term training base in years to come. We're speaking long-range vision. But I just see God really capturing your heart for that part of the world as well. Websters 97

ii. Strong Local Church

1. I heard the Spirit say that there was a **mantle that had been given for this area**. There was a mantle that had been placed upon, maybe I should explain this, in every area there is a mantle given for there is a work that God desires to accomplish. For the Lord said there had been a mantle given for this area and other men had rejected it. They said, "Oh, the price is too great, the call is too great, the price is too much." But I heard the spirit of the Lord say that that mantle rests upon this man and it rests upon this ministry. It's going to be a flagship and a banner and a **star to this area**... Leslie McNulty 3/92
2. Let this season of their lives be the opening to a brand new level of authority in Christ. A brand new level of boldness (as we just heard Kathy speak about), brand new level of victory (like Judean warfare), a brand **new level of occupying their enemies gates**. I thank you Lord they're going to occupy everything that you have called them to have. Nothing will hold them now. No, demon, plan, or person, no fear, nothing will hold them now. Father, by the power of Jesus' name, Lord I thank you. Webster's 97 Prayer and Intimacy with God

iii. Local unity of pastors

1. I see you affiliating with other ministries in your area. I see you giving and receiving from other pastors and people God has put in your area and wants to make a real flow of unity and want to make you a real key to that. Scott Webster 2/88
2. You will have an appointment with other pastors. I believe that the Lord is going to launch you into a networking in your city and launch you into a real city move with other pastors and other churches and have you begin to pull brothers together and

have them pray together and move together and be unified in the spirit and in the things of God. Metro Christian Fellowship 2/97

iv. Supernatural

1. You are going to have a calling card of signs and wonders. Webster's 2/88
2. A huge explosion in your church. I see it again and again, and again. The Lord says, "Get ready, get ready get ready because this is what you have cried out for. Get Ready! Get ready for the book of Acts. Get ready for what you have asked for and know that I will make you able to stand in the midst of it. ... I saw the Lord riding in on a white horse and busting through the door. He didn't even stop to open it. He just came right through it and came right in the midst and people were hitting the deck. He is going to mess things up really good. Acts is going to happen, but its not going to necessarily look like what most people think it's going to look like. IHOP 5/04
3. I believe there is going to come a people here that will be willing to wait and let the Holy Spirit tell them what God wants to do. He broke the curse of the law it is your job to break the curse of the fall. Bob Jones 12/04

v. Prayer

1. You have strategic intercessors in your church. Some very keen people that God has divinely placed there. Many of those have joined themselves together in prayer, intercession and worship. There is real strong worship anointing on your church. And those things are going to increase even more.... He wants a horrendous life of prayer and fasting for those coming days when His revelation becomes so clear. He has a glorious plan for you and your church. IHOP 5/04
2. Restoration
 - a. Healing of those who have been wounded in the House of God. Those that have been worn down and burned out. I would not be surprised if the Lord didn't give you a building of hospitality where real ministers of God can come that are burned out, wounded and hurting, who have been awesome soldiers. Some of them are going to need spiritual healing. Bob Jones 12/04
3. Evangelism
 - a. The Lord is bringing forth leaders and making a leadership to throw this net. If you fish cleaners will get together and prepare yourself to clean them, the Lord will let somebody throw that net. Bob Jones 12/04 Sunday a.m.
4. Church Planting
 - a. John Delasio- I see three local churches coming out of this church.
 - b. Noel Woodroffe – There will eventually be churches coming out of this church. A place to be a production of leadership. I see three churches that God will cause to be produced out of this house. 4/93 Also in this same word—I feel that at some time God is going to give this house oversight of a number of churches. Not of acquisition but of fathering. God is going to make this a house of fathering where ministries will come to receive strong oversight.
 - c. The Lord is going to have other ministries that will base out of here. Jill Austin 6/96
 - d. CI – Apostles Conference 5/92—prophetic presbytery. "...I declare to you that you are going to build ones that are strong, you are going to bring in many young couples, many singles, many families and you are going to see them

grow and develop and you are going to see many churches planted in your own local area and already there is a stirring in a number of areas and you have zeal to go out and plant churches and I am going to give you a grace to do that.

e. I hear the Lord saying that your church is like a launching pad. God says that there is going to be other ministries coming out of your church. God is going to raise other churches up. You are going to be like a birthing station from your church. God says there will be other churches branch off from you. 3/95 CI

f. There are other ministries that the Lord will have you plant... Buddy Crumb 7/99

g. There are going to be two other networked churches that come out of this very shortly. This is already beginning.

h. Just as you have visited every one of these countries, you will send teams and you will plant churches in every one of these countries that you have visited. This will be a training center, and God will raise up this training center and you will send young people (young couples) with an apostolic team to each one of these countries that you have stepped foot in. And you will raise up a church, I see 100's of churches coming to you Tim, 100's of churches. Reecie Saunder 09/05

5. Children/Forerunners

a. The Lord says I'm also going to give you the anointing for children and children's ministry. It will be a place where people will send their children just to be taught of the Lord. Even those who are not saved and don't know Christ, will hear of kid's lives being changed here. They will send their children and then they will follow their children here. I will cause mom and dad to get saved after Junior comes to children's church and Sunday school. I'm going to cause this place to be a place of family unity and restoration. Websters 97

b. Prophet Bob Jones: I would really look this over because this is an invitation that is really awesome. I saw toddlers, running down your aisles, I saw young people, they were running down your aisles to greet one another, I saw teenagers running down the aisle to hug one another. I saw a young couple getting married, nursing babies and the vision repeated itself two more times. You are going to have a lot of extended families here—I saw them as awesome leaders of the last days church. Bob Jones 12/04

c. The Lord is going to release a blessing of favor on your children and your children's children. Three generations of blessing that are going to come out of this church and things that are going to take place: a school of the Spirit, the ministry, the healings all of these things are at the door. Paul Keith Davis 12/04

6. School of Ministry

a. ...you are going to have a discipleship school. You are going to disciple people in the ways of Christ. It is going to be a program...that will get Christians to grow and mature and have certain tests and programs to fulfill and also those who want to go on to become more effective in ministry. It is going to be a training place for discipling people. 11/94 Ed Traut

- b. On the property, the Lord says that you will have a Bible School there. There is a teaching anointing that is going to come forth. God is going to raise up teachers but also those that will come in and teach too. Jill Austin 06/96
- c. God has placed in you a mentoring and fathering ability, I am going to send many young men to you to be mentored and to be trained. I see you writing books and training syllabuses that people will be using to be trained and mentored. ... I see television ministry even satellite. I don't know if this is in Africa or Germany, but I see like satellite dishes and your face being beamed across there and these are going to be ministry training centers you are going to have established throughout the land. Buddy Crumb 7/99
- d. I feel like you are going to be a conference center. You are called to be a center of activity where people would come in and out and where the caravans of the Spirit would come in and out. And I saw a training school, a center where you are going to have your hand in this center. ... you have been in training yourself and God is about to release you and launch you into this. Where there is a door open to disciple and train leaders, ... you are called to train leaders and also to send out missions from these leaders that you train. Shawn Bolz 4/04

3. Where Are We Going In 2014

- a. Equipping-we know we are called to this as a church. What will it look like in 2014
 - i. DYMI - Discovering Your Ministry Identity 20 People just completed this a week ago.
 - ii. Starting Sunday night Feb 16 for six weeks. I will be teaching a class on Pastoral Care. For the purpose of Eph 4:12-to equip the Saints to do the work of the ministry. That same night I will also be teaching a class on Preaching Teaching Speaking. To equip people to be able to speak publicly whether leading a small group, teaching a class or preaching from a pulpit.
 - iii. Technology Seminar - at the end of March. Purpose is to help parents disciple and protect their children their internet travels.
 - iv. Advanced Prophetic Training 3 and Ministering Spiritual Gifts (the beginning prophetic class)
- b. Strengthen and Stir our church's understanding and operation in prophetic grace.
 - i. Classes Ministering Spiritual gifts, APT 2, APT 3, Prophetic Team building. We want to add more team members to our prophetic presbytery ministry.
 - ii. Opening the Arsenal - night of Stirring and Releasing prophetic grace through worship and prayer.
 - iii. Doug Addison, Prophetic evangelism. A time of equipping to reach out to others through prophecy, dream interpretation, and other wild stuff.
- c. To be moving toward holding a quarterly healing service. We want to back this with our prophetic and intercessory praying Saints. We believe in the supernatural of God and want to keep ourselves positioned to allow Him to work in and through us.
- d. Relationally - we continue to realize that as a church we have to grow in this area of connecting with others in our body in life giving ways and to also connect with those outside of the Kingdom as well. There are a number of ways that we will work to develop this.
 - i. Church Socials. How do these help? One they create an opportunity to connect and meet people. Two - hopefully they will be 'fun'. Three - we get to eat! Four - as

- teams help make these happen, those teams connect and in team lives interconnect and are woven together.
- ii. Small groups - as people arise to lead and as interest in certain topic grow we will build short term groups that allow people to connect be committed for short periods of time or longer if desired.
 - iii. In a few weeks I hope to have some pastoral interns ready to begin ministering.
 1. Good pastoral care expressed with love naturally draws people together and improves the overall health of God's church. Pastoral grace is all about relationship: With God and with each other. It seeks the health of both vertical and horizontal relationships.
 2. We were talking about this in our directors meetings and the Lord gave me a picture and reminded me of several interviews I had seen of soldiers. The thing that caught my attention was this: "Out there (on the battle field), you don't fight for county, or for flag you fight for each other." Joe Galloway in his book, We Were Soldiers, wrote: "They went to war because their country ordered them to. But in the end, they fought not for their country or their flag, they fought for each other." There is a truth in that statement that we must massage into the church. Yes, we live and die for Jesus that is calling. But the horizontal picture of this is for each other.
 - e. Year of growing in Apostolic Grace. I will explain this in practical ways in the next few weeks. Let me just say for now that it is about bringing and advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth-particularly in our community, our sphere of influence.
 - i. Wednesday nights will be more Holy Spirit nights.
 - ii. Phil Smethurst will be here March 23. He oversees Overland Missions. He is advancing the Gospel to unreached and out of the way people groups. I see him as very apostolic. So I want to expose you to that grace through him.
 - iii. Dec 29-31 Overland Mission will hold there annual conference here. Phil will speak, Rodney Howard Brown, Vaughn Gerald a prophet from England and a few other excellent folks will be here for that. Again, I believe the impartation of that will help envision us for what God desires to do here.
 - f. Numerically, I would like to see our church increase by 20% this year. Given we have been averaging about 200 over the last couple of months, 40 new people by the end of 2014 is a realistic goal for us.
 - i. It means we must reach out to others.
 - ii. It means we must be better in keeping those that God is sending/giving us.
 - iii. It means this must be a team effort and not just my desire. God left the 99 to get the one. Two things there: 1. The one missing is important to God. 2. He expect the 99 to stay together.

Conclusion:

- **But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.** THE MESSAGE Pr 29:18
- It's seems New Years is quite literally a time for new beginnings. According to the Centers For Disease Control, more babies are born in August and September than any other months of the year. Do the math—this means more babies are conceived in December and January than any other months of the year. **Application:** Make this New Years a time of inception. Dare to "conceive" a year full of hopeful expectations and then be bold enough to nurture, grow, and

give birth to those dreams in the upcoming year! God is ready and waiting to do "a new thing" in your life! "*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.*" (Isaiah 43:19).