


Abba Series 3
Purpose and Destiny – Part 2

Prov. 29:18.
–*God's process to fulfill our purpose begins with vision.*

- Unfortunately, *we NEVER fully understand His ultimate purpose until we've engaged the process for quite awhile.*
- We have to be delivered from self-fulfilling visions.
- In the vision given to Paul, it came in seed form, and *purpose only became apparent as he cooperated with the Holy Spirit.*




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Heb. 10:9; 12:25-29.
–As we obey Him in the vision/calling, *we are shaken loose from everything that is NOT of Him, so that which IS of Him can emerge and be established.*

–**Fulfilling our purpose involves:**

- Patient adaptability** – as we *obey in process.*
- “Faith”-seeing/thinking** – where *His nature and mind are formed within us.*
- Vision maturity** – serving Him for *His glory* and *not self-centered ends.*




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Acts 26:19: *“Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision....”*

–Paul is recounting his initial vision/calling from an *historical, instead of future,* perspective.

- Those who have lived their vision have had their lives transformed into Christlikeness.*
- They move others forward into purpose, and leave everyone else without an excuse!*
- They are *sons*, like Christ, UNTO Abba *vertically*, and *spiritual fathers*, also like Christ, to others *horizontally.*



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Patient Adaptability:

–*The initial vision was just in bud form.*

•The *process of training*, and the *discipline and suffering endured* along the way, *opens the limited, carnal mind to see, perceive and understand from God's viewpoint.*

•Our lives are *transformed and brought into alignment with Abba's heart, mind and purpose*, and we turn from *self-fulfillment* and "*finding ourselves*" to *living for Him and His will to be done.*



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Patient Adaptability:

–All of Paul's revelation and experiences were not his center of attention and purpose – **becoming like and putting the resurrected Jesus on display** became his purpose - *because it's Abba's supreme purpose.*

•*Every new revelation or experience is only meant to expand the original vision and lead us deeper into Abba's ultimate purpose – Christlikeness.*



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Transforming "Faith"-Vision:

–Great error comes when revelation, experiences, desire for power, etc, **remain center** and people cling to "things", and do not embrace them and **MOVE on into the expanded vision and purpose** of Abba – *putting the Son on display.*


•*Each new revelation or experience is meant only to move us on into deeper intimacy and purpose.*



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Transforming “Faith”-Vision:

–1 Cor. 13:8-13.
–*Scripture says there’s coming a day when even God-given visions, gifts and experiences will stop and pass away!*




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Vision Maturity:

–It is *mature Christlikeness* that Abba is after because it’s only then that His authority and kingdom can be established – ***only the SON is King!***

- All other things, including gifts, etc, are a means to an end!***




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Vision Maturity:

–Full purpose, and the full, expanded vision have ***two basic aspects:***

- First – Lives that have fully surrendered to Abba’s government through cooperating with the training of the Holy Spirit.***
- Second – *The purpose has moved from self-fulfillment to putting His glory and kingdom on display.***



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Vision Maturity:

–Until we enter this dimension of the “mind of Christ”, ***we focus and go after the parts and not the whole.***

- He has to “shake” us away from even the good stuff.
- It’s only after passing through many crises, experiences, etc, that ***we finally SEE from His perspective and not self-perspective.***



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What do we see most of the church focused on and its activity and energy given to?

–If vision and practice has not expanded, and more of Jesus’ life and rule are not manifesting, we’ve stopped progress and we’re practicing the wrong things.