



Introduction

God is on a mission to establish a new kingdom on the earth. One way to describe a kingdom in practice is a system of dominion. When a king has rule over a particular domain, In **Revelation 21**, John describes what this kingdom looks like:

Revelation 21 New King James Version (NKJV)

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, ^[a] John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said ^[b] to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Do you want to know the truth about all that God is doing right now? He is making all things new. God is working on the new in your life, in my life, in our nation, He is the God of Renewal. Please expect the new. Expect to break out of the same old. Don't allow yourself to believe that you are stuck, it's not true, God is a God of the new. He is working on a new thing right now.

I think it's important for us to believe that, because when we do, we take our place as partners with God in creating the new. We have the absolute privilege to be in partnership with God to create the new in our lives and in our world. If you are expecting God to do something new in your life and in our world then we ought to position ourselves to partner with God for the new.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

If you have been following us in these series, please excuse me as I repeat this truth; Your life is bigger than you. The things that happen to you are not just about you. The dreams, visions, gifts you have are not just about you. There are some good works that you have been destined to do. God is postured to do those good things regardless of what you go through. When you choose to partner with God, it doesn't matter what you go through, He works all things together for good! When you choose to partner with God, you give yourself to the only one who can turn beauty into ashes, mourning into



dancing! When you partner with God you give yourself over to the one who makes ALL THINGS NEW!

So last week I started to talk to you about how to be effective in this partnership with God in the creation of the new.

1. Understand what to do with the Old
2. Acquaint yourself with God
3. Make instructions your friend
4. **Dare to dream of the new.** - Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness. Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

If our partnership with God for the new will be effective, we will need to be those who see what God says before He does what He said!

In every generation, God is looking for people who can see persistently. God is looking for people **who will commit to seeing what God says in spite of their personal experience!** This is who we are called to be. This is how leaders in the kingdom are made, your willingness and decision to be a person who sees what God is saying will make you stand out as a leader!

God will always manifest in this partnership what His partners see! Because agreement happens when we see what God sees! If you cannot see yourself as God sees you, you cannot agree with God on how He sees you! The Bible says that two people can only walk together if they agree. Without that agreement there is no effective partnership.

Several times, before God manifested the new thing in Abraham's life, He had to fix His sight. God was trying to show Abraham how He was going to create **seeds** through his **seed**. However Abraham could only see his inability to bear a child and the fact that by all accounts His servant was going to inherit everything.

God had to show Him where to look. Look up to the sky, count the stars. Look at the sand by the seashore, can you count them...because this partnership works best if you will dare to see what God says before He does it. **It's even a principle of life, those who can see a thing before others will often profit from the manifestation at the expense of those who see it only after it has manifested.**

He said to Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 1**, what do you see, when you see well, I hasten to perform it!



Don't let anyone mock you out of what you see. Don't let anything discourage you from seeing what GOD SAID. Jesus said in **Matthew 13:16**, blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear. He was comparing them to the Pharisees who had eyes but could not see. When Peter got a revelation that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus says blessed are you Simon! There is a blessing, an empowerment that comes when you see well.

Make a decision that you will not give up your sight! If you have stopped seeing new things, then we have a saviour who opens blind eyes! Cry out to Him! Ask Him to open your eyes to see yourself as He sees you. Ask Him to open the eyes of your understanding.

5. **Say what you see:** God asked Jeremiah, what do you see? Your confession is an articulation of your vision. What you say tells of what you see. **2 Corinthians 4:13** says **13 And in keeping with what is written: "I believed, therefore I have spoken," we who have the same spirit of faith also believe and therefore speak,**

We can all be looking at the same thing but see different things! But it is what we say after we have all looked that tells what we saw!

10 spies went to look at the promised land.

8 spies saw the giants and they saw themselves as grasshoppers.

2 of them looked at the same thing but they saw a land that they are well able to take. They saw a God who has promised to help them defeat the giants. God partnered those two, Caleb and Joshua to manifest that new thing. What do you see?

Take time to imagine what your life and your world will look like when God fulfils His promises. Many of us spend our prayer times imagining our worst-case scenarios and then saying what we think God should do to stop the worst from happening. Our prayer times should be time of imagining the reality of God's Word and calling it into being. Be bold, say what you see!

6. Write what you see:

Habakkuk 2:2 Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Notice that God said to these men, write it down!

- When you write it down you give it dignity. You're saying I want to remember this. You're saying it is important I would want to read this again.



- When you write it down, it helps you process the thoughts and your emotions. It's like bringing a thought a thought or a vision out of your head and analysing it on paper.
- When you write it down it helps you clarify the thought.

If you are believing for a new thing in your life, take time to write down what you see.

7. **Discover who you are.** In this partnership with God, he is not interested in the filters you use to become a supermodel on Instagram. He is interested in the real you! **Psalm 139:16** says **Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

There are some days that have been fashioned for you! God has made days for you...the psalmist says this is the day that the Lord has made! **Many of us are showing up as other people to the day that God made!** You can't show up in the day that God made for you as me.

This is not the season to show up to life as someone else! Dedicate yourself to self-discovery. Discover who God says you are, discover who you are today. Don't deny your weaknesses, don't deny your strengths. Find out what you like and why you like it. Dedicate yourself to finding out why you are a certain way. Find out what the Word says about you. Make an honest comparison between who you think you are and what the Word says you are.

8. **Learn to see and deal with loss, failure, disappointments and even death.**

Failure, loss, disappointments and even death are a part of the creative process. These things don't faze God. If it fazes you, your partnership with God will be ineffective. Many of us give up in the face of these things. Many of us tend to see these things as evidence of the absence of God.

But they are inevitable parts of the creative process. If you will create a new way to do something in that industry, if you will create a new experience for your family, a new stream of income, a new ministry... it doesn't come without its fair share of disappointments.

Mark 9:23 - Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

But in God there are no real disappointment, loss, failure or even death, there are just degrees of faith -

When Jesus came to His friend's house after the death of Lazarus, Martha expressed here disappointment that Jesus did not come on time, she expressed the gravity of her



loss by reminding Jesus that Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. But the only question Jesus wanted her to answer was “do you believe”?

Every disappointment is an opportunity to go to another degree of faith. Don't let a negative situation rob you of your faith. This partnership to create the new works by faith alone!