

Believe in the process

We need to believe in the process. My Pastor talks about commitment and following the vision. His vision? God's vision? Someone else vision? At work, in society, and around the world we have two kinds of people: leaders and followers. If you think that's wrong then take a look at everyone really hard. Some become bosses. Others tend to work at menial jobs for years. At church we could get wrapped up in who is the leader. Something interesting that my preacher said was that his church seems to draw in leaders. How is that possible if it's his show? He's the boss. I think he believes that God is the boss and he is the leader that facilitates other leaders.

It's seems confusing. Yet, is it? I am a leader. My pastor is a leader. So is his father. How can guys who lead, lead together? I see a conflict of interest. Yet, why it works is because of the process. Our common interest is making the world a better place. Our boss is Jesus. Yet, within that we lead for him. We work for him. Sure, one guy is pastor. Yet, another guy is a ministry leader, a music leader, and financial leader. There is room to lead together. You just have to believe in the process.

So, what is the process. I suppose what I'm really saying is "what is real vision?" What is the vision of your boss? Better yet, what is the vision of the company? The process is how you relate and follow that vision. In my life is a vision. I'd like to believe that within my marriage we share a vision. Our whole lives are driven by the vision. I feel that goals are goals. They come and go. Someone could have a goal to climb Mt Everest. They wreck their leg and can't achieve that goal. Yet, what is the vision? To strive and rise above the normal. Even with a wrecked leg you can do that. Yet, at times, we must trust the process to live out that vision.

What does God have to say? Jerimiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* God has a vision for the world. He sent himself to talk to us about that vision. He sent the prophets. He sent his Son. All through history God has raised up leaders to lead his vision. It’s never really been about who is boss. Who is in control? He wants us to own and control his vision. Be a team player.

At my church there is a leader. Yet, we are a bunch of leaders sharing in the vision of building a place other can call home. A place where leaders and followers can co-exist together under the vision of God. Yes, the Pastor has a vision for his church and community. He is calling on others to share in that vision. At times, some people are not happy with the process. They want power now. They want to do it their way. Throughout history people have tried to grab Gods vision away from him. This is what they missed.

The process is enacting Gods vision. Yet, the process involves our lives and our visions. We can have it our way in time. Yet, in all we do, it must line up with Gods overall vision. I can retire when I want to. I can work the way I like to. I can do a lot of things. Yet, is my focus on me or on the world. Is it on me or my Lord above? The process is knowing who butters your bread. Who provides for my health and safety? A process is not to be the leader. That’s where we mess it up. The process is in how we get the vision done. Within that is time, planning, life, and a process to get there. In reality, the process is to enact the vision. To share a common process of getting there. So that the leaders are standing on top in the end? No! It’s so that we all carry the vision to the top through a process of time. In the end, we all win through the vision of God.

