



GOD DREAMS VISUAL SUMMARY

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I hope you enjoy this visual summary of **GOD DREAMS**. It will quickly introduce you to the ideas and tone of the “how-to” visionary planning process of the book. It makes the 12 templates visually engaging and delivers the best quick reference guide to the Horizon Storyline as a master tool.

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One of the best working definitions of poverty is not just a lack of money or options but the lack of a dream, a vision, a hope. It is the leader's task to rouse the imaginative abilities that lie at the base of the human soul and awaken the possibilities of a new gospel future.

GOD DREAMS can unlock the breakthrough potential that God has invested in His church.

ALAN HIRSCH



GOD DREAMS is a rare resource.

Pick it up if you dare to dream big and focus
your people in ways you didn't think possible.

CRAIG GROESCHEL

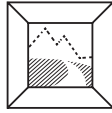


This is no passive book about growing your
church. But a bold challenge to take up your
God-given ability to dream and accomplish
great feats for God's glory.

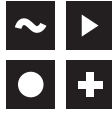
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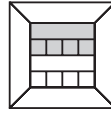
Restart the
Conversation
(Part 1)



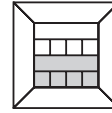
Discover
Visionary Planning
(Part 2)



Find Your
Future
(Part 3)



Focus Your
Long-Range Vision
(Part 4)



Execute Your
Short-Range Vision
(Part 5)



Lead
With Freedom
(Part 6)

GOD DREAMS VISUAL OVERVIEW

“If we are to make a noticeable good in our lifetime,
we will need to focus everything we have on the
specific kind of dramatic good God gives us to do.”

PART 1



RESTART THE CONVERSATION

IN PART 1 YOU WILL FIND:

- Why to restart the conversation
- The problem of generic vision
- 9 forms of generic vision to assess your church
- 12 compelling reasons to think long

CHAPTER 1

WHY SHOULD WE RESTART THE VISION CONVERSATION?

1. Vision serves people
2. Vision is for everyone
3. Vision is for everyday
4. Vision is fun
5. Vision makes us better
6. Vision is ongoing

“**IMAGINATION**
IS THE VOICE OF
DARING.
IF THERE IS ANYTHING
GODLIKE ABOUT
GOD
IT IS THAT HE DARED TO
IMAGINE
EVERYTHING.”

HENRY MILLER

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CHAPTER 2

CHURCHES MISS THEIR POTENTIAL NOT BECAUSE THEY LACK VISION,
BUT BECAUSE THEY EMBRACE A LESSER KIND OF VISION,
UNAWARE OF DOING SO. THAT LESSER VISION IS A GENERIC ONE.

There are nine common forms of generic vision in the church today.

Where does your church tend to go generic?

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Love God, love others | 6. Change the world |
| 2. Make disciples | 7. Be the first |
| 3. Glorify God | 8. Offer the most |
| 4. Reach more | 9. Be the best |
| 5. Launch more | |

CHAPTER 3

THINK LONG, DREAM BIG, ATTEMPT GREAT

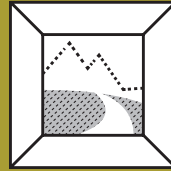
The Bible
challenges us
to think long.

Practical
wisdom
invites us to
think long.

Human
motivation
begs us to
think long.

“You can master plan not just your church’s children’s building and parking lots but also its footprint of spiritual legacy and influence.”

PART 2



DISCOVER VISIONARY PLANNING

IN PART 2 YOU WILL FIND:

- The Bible's take on planning
- The top 10 vision planning problems in the church today
- An overview of the Horizon Storyline
- 5 key features of the Horizon Storyline
- 3 practical examples of a completed Horizon Storyline

CHAPTER 4

SCRIPTURE ESTABLISHES THE WISDOM OF PLANNING AS A
GOD DEPENDENT, ASSESSMENT-BASED, COLLABORATIVE PROCESS.

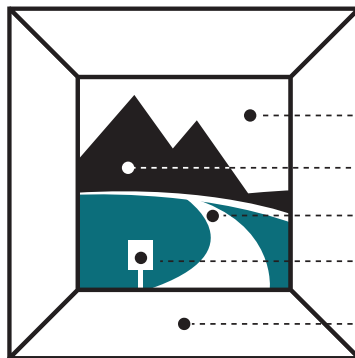
“If people can’t see what God is up to,
they stumble all over themselves;
but when they attend to what he reveals,
they are most blessed.”

PROVERBS 29:18 THE MESSAGE

CHAPTER 5

VISION IS ABOUT THE PICTURE OF YOUR CHURCH'S FUTURE.
A PLAN IS ABOUT THE STEPS TO GET THERE.

Vision as Future Picture



Beyond-the-horizon

Background

Midground

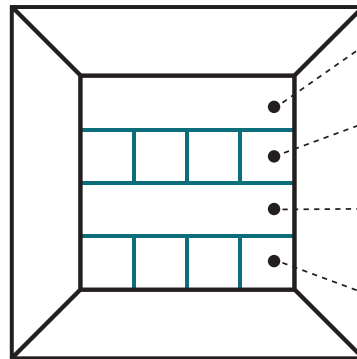
Foreground

Vision Frame

CHAPTER 5

THE HORIZON STORYLINE IS YOUR VISIONARY PLANNING TOOL.
USE IT TO DEVELOP THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF VISION CONTENT FOR THE
RIGHT TIME IN THE FUTURE, FOR THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP TEAM.

Vision as Horizon Storyline



Beyond-the-horizon
vision (5-20 years)

Background vision
(3 years)

Midground vision
(1 year)

Foreground vision
(90 days)

5 CHAPTER

THE 5 BENEFITS OF THE HORIZON STORYLINE

1. The linking of **long-range** and **short-range** planning
2. The focus and enthusiasm of **one big goal** at a time
3. Combining the **inspiration** and **operational** abilities of your team
4. A **meaningful** and **memorable** plan
5. An **easy-to-share** plan

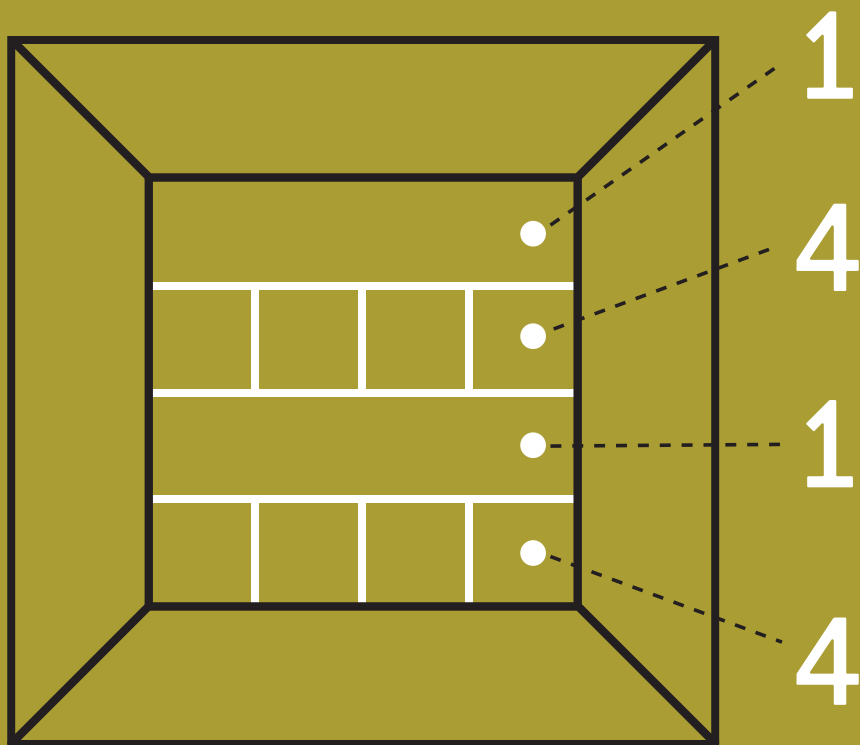


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The HORIZON STORYLINE contains no more than **10 ideas**.

We call it the “one-four-one-four.”

Do you see it?



CHAPTER 6

START DEVELOPING YOUR BEYOND-THE-HORIZON WITH FOUR STARTING POINTS.

Vision that **advances** is strong,
forceful, determined and moving.

Vision that **rescues** is responsive,
resourceful, preparing and caring.

Vision that **becomes** is whole,
authentic, healthy and maturing.

Vision that **overflows** is good,
bountiful, extending and blessing.

The Four Basic Shapes
for Each Quadrant



Overflow



Advance



Become



Rescue

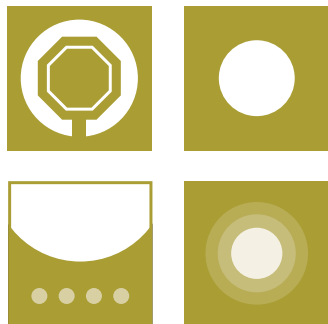
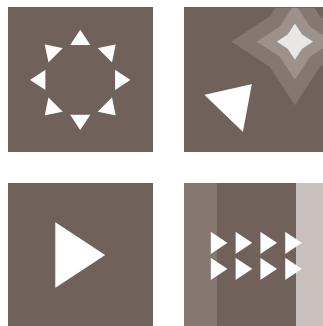
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THE 4 QUADRANTS DEFINE THE 12 TEMPLATES

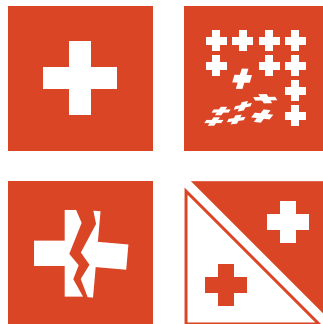
Three Overflow Templates



Three Advance Templates

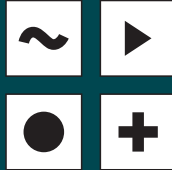


Three Become Templates



Three Rescue Templates

PART 3



FIND YOUR FUTURE

IN PART 3 YOU WILL FIND:

- 4 chapters each covering 3 vision templates
- Biblical, historic, and contemporary illustrations of each template
- Assessments for your team
- Step by step guide to select your church's templates
- Tools to build a “picture idea” for your church

“**THE FUTURE**

IS NOT THE RESULT OF

CHOICES

AMONG ALTERNATIVE PATHS

OFFERED IN THE PRESENT.

IT IS A PLACE

CREATED—

CREATED FIRST IN THE

MIND AND WILL,

CREATED NEXT IN

ACTIVITY.”

WALT DISNEY

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CHAPTER



GEOGRAPHIC SATURATION

Your church's vision is to bring the gospel to as many people as possible in your surrounding geography.

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CHAPTER



TARGETED TRANSFORMATION

Your church's vision is to identify a specific people, place, or thing you want to see changed dramatically by the gospel.

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CHAPTER



PEOPLE-GROUP PENETRATION

Your church's vision is taking the gospel
to a group of people who don't have it yet.

CHAPTER 8



INSTITUTIONAL RENOVATION

Your church's vision is to rejuvenate an institution that matters to God, most often a ministry that historically has been significant but has lost a degree of relevance, focus, or momentum.

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CHAPTER



NEED ADOPTION

Your church's vision is to adopt a specific need you identify, often through compassion or mercy, typically triggered by studying the needs and then responding to them.

CHAPTER 8



CRISIS MOBILIZATION

Your church's vision is to mobilize for crisis, or be prepared to mobilize for a future crisis.

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CHAPTER



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Your church's vision is for a spiritual formation that changes people and takes them along a significant pathway toward spiritual maturity.

CHAPTER 9



PRESENCE MANIFESTATION

Your church's vision is to welcome and experience God's presence anticipating ripple effects far beyond the life of your congregation.

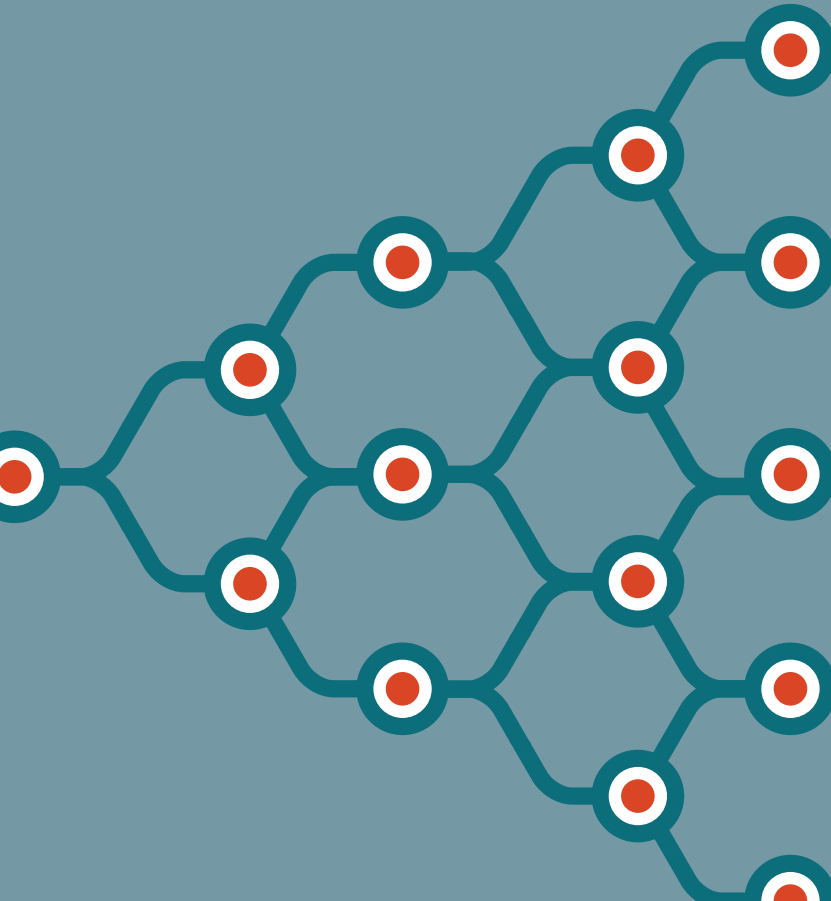
CHAPTER 3



OBEDIENT ANTICIPATION

Your church's vision is to live in a strategic or obedient anticipation of more clear revelation from God and with the intent to respond as He leads.

CHAPTER 10



LEADERSHIP MULTIPLICATION

Your church's vision is to develop more leaders so that God can direct them where He wants them to go.

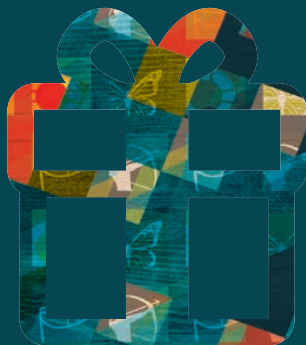
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CULTURAL REPLICATION

Your church's vision is to replicate its model, whether via multi-site or other forms, spilling over to many places, new franchises, and new brands of "our" kind of ministry, vision, and brand.

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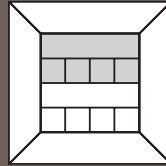
ANOINTING AMPLIFICATION

Your church's vision is to do all you can to leverage and amplify the impact of a particular leader, often someone who is a stellar teacher.

“THE **GOAL**
IS NOT TO BE
RIGHT,
BUT TO BE
CLEAR.”

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PART 4



FOCUS YOUR LONG-RANGE VISION

IN PART 4 YOU WILL FIND:

- Examples of long-range vivid descriptions from Scripture & culture
- Practical tools to write your own vivid description of your beyond-the-horizon vision
- Understanding your church's "vision factor" to determine the scope of your vision
- Step by step guide to develop background vision
- Immediate action steps for your long-range vision

CHAPTER 12

WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS BEYOND THE HORIZON?

“I saw a
new heaven
and a new earth...”
APOSTLE JOHN

“I will build a
motor car for the
great multitude...”
HENRY FORD

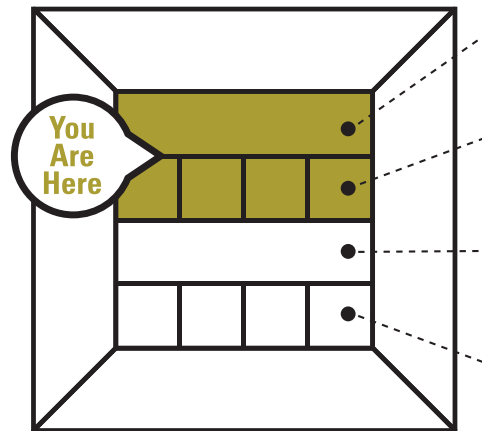
“Look toward
heaven and number
the stars...”
GOD TO ABRAHAM

“We shall not see
space filled with
weapons of mass
destruction...” **JFK**

CHAPTER 12

THE FOUR IMPERATIVES OF MAKING VISION MOVE

1. Paint a Picture
2. Solve a Problem
3. Stir the Heart
4. God-Size It



**Beyond-the-horizon
vision (5-20 years)**

**Background vision
(3 years)**

Midground vision
(1 year)

Foreground vision
(90 days)

CHAPTER 13

WORDS CREATE WORLDS.

Vision travels
through people
not paper

Vision dripping is
more important
than vision casting

If your vision
doesn't solve a
problem it will
die on arrival

CALCULATE YOUR VISION FACTOR

$$\frac{M \times Tr \times P}{Tn}$$

M - Culture of Mission

Tr - Dynamic of Trust

P - History of Progress

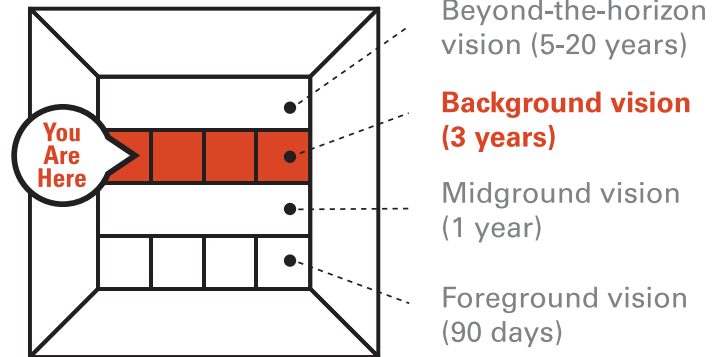
Tn - Tenure

**“The meaning of ‘God Size’ will flex
as you go and grow as a leader.”**

CHAPTER 14

BACKGROUND VISION

Your background vision contains four ideas, primarily qualitative, that clarify the four most important strategic emphases in the next three years, in order to fulfill your beyond-the-horizon vision.



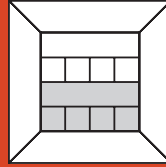
“YOUR LONG-RANGE
VISION
IS THE CONTEXT OF
YOUR FUTURE.

WHEN YOU ARE DONE CREATING
THE CONTEXT, IT’S TIME TO WORK
ON YOUR SHORT-RANGE VISION—
NEXT YEAR’S COMMITMENT.

**YOUR CONTEXT
WILL DRIVE
YOUR COMMITMENT.”**

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EXECUTE YOUR SHORT-RANGE VISION

IN PART 5 YOU WILL FIND:

- The top 10 reasons for leading with one big goal at a time
- How to develop your midground vision around one measurable goal
- Best practices for focusing your team
- 8 key questions for determining the best goal for your church

CHAPTER 16

TOP 10 REASONS TO HAVE ONE GOAL AT A TIME

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Connects people to God's larger story of redemptive history

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Directs everyone's prayers as a concert of dependence

6

Makes momentum easier to generate

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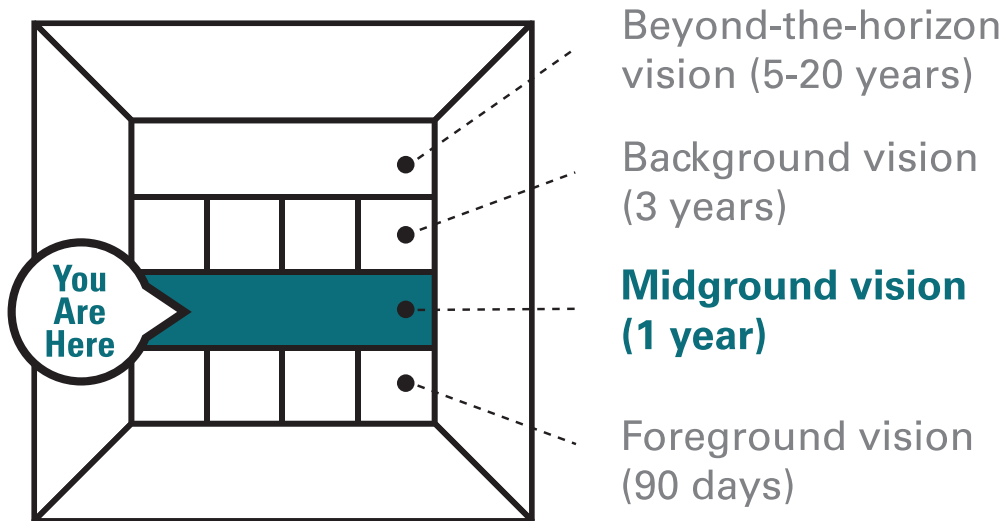
Focuses the attention of staff and leaders

“THERE ARE
NO RESULTS
WITHOUT A
CONCENTRATION OF
RESOURCES.”

PETER DRUCKER

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WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT YEAR?



90 DAYS

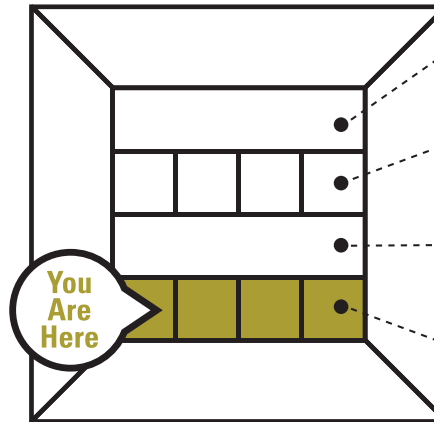
is enough time for
your church to become an
UNSTOPPABLE FORCE
as you implement
your vision.

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CHAPTER

YOU HAVE 3 KINDS OF FOREGROUND INITIATIVES TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Cross-functional emphasis
2. Ministry area subgoal
3. All-staff driver



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(1 year)

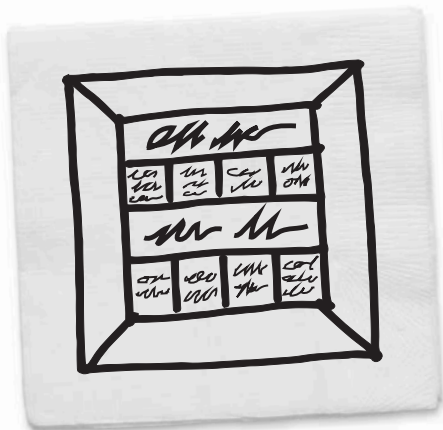
**Foreground vision
(90 days)**

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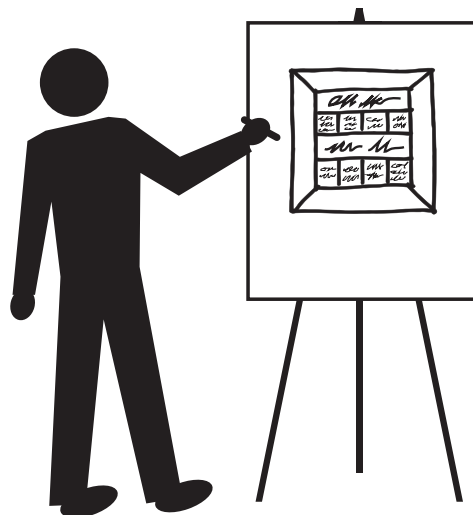
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USE YOUR HORIZONTAL STORYLINE!

Use your Horizontal Storyline
to share your vision easily, quickly,
and frequently



Use your Horizontal Storyline
to train volunteer groups and
leadership teams



PART 6



LEAD WITH FREEDOM

IN PART 6 YOU WILL FIND:

- My deepest heartfelt appeal for why you should build a Horizon Storyline with your team
- The 4 greatest benefits of leading with stunning clarity

CHAPTER 18

MINISTRY WITHOUT CLARITY IS INSANITY

“I glorified you on earth
by completing the work
you gave me to do.”

JESUS

IN THE END, IT'S ABOUT **YOUR FREEDOM.**

FREEDOM IS NOT
DOING ANYTHING YOU WANT.
IT'S THE OPPORTUNITY TO
GIVE ALL OF YOURSELF
TO WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO DO.

THE HORIZON STORYLINE IS A
WASTE OF TIME
IF IT DOESN'T INJECT
A SENSE OF FREEDOM IN YOUR SOUL.

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