**HEART TO HEART**/A word of hope and encouragement by Mennie Morrison

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**“FOCUS VISION” (PART VI)**

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This month, we will continue our teaching entitled **Focus Vision**. The last 2 parts of this teaching, we began to look at what God’s Vision, Purpose and Plan was for our lives in regards to our title **Focus Vision.** We will conclude this 6 part teaching on that same vein starting in the New Testament.

Last month (June) we ended in the Old Testament book of **Jerimiah 29:11**, this month let’s begin in the book of **Romans 8:26-28 from the Passion Translation**: ***26****And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don’t even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A26-28&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9463a)*] on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A26-28&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9463b)*] too deep for words.* ***27****God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A26-28&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-9464c" \o "See footnote c)] yet he also understands the desires of the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, his holy ones, in perfect harmony with God’s plan and our destiny.* ***28****So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God’s perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose*.

I love this version of these scriptures from the Passion translation as we are looking at **Focus Vision** and how God wants us to know His purpose, plan and destiny for our lives, that He literally put on the inside of us and helps us to fulfill.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMPC)** says: ***17****Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!* In order to have **Focus Vision**, we must understand that we are new creations in Christ with a new identity and full of Purpose and that all things have become new in our spirit.

I love Paul’s exhortation in the book of **Ephesians** for the church there. We will look at several scriptures in this book regarding and confirming God’s Purpose, Plan, Destiny and Vision for our lives. **Ephesians 1:3-6 (AMP)** ***3****[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ephesians+1%3A3-6&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29210a)*]Blessed and worthy of praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ,* ***4****just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight. In love* ***5****He predestined and lovingly planned for us to be adopted to Himself as [His own] children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the kind intention and good pleasure of His will—* ***6****to the praise of His glorious grace and favor, which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [His Son, Jesus Christ].*

In verse 3 of this chapter we see that God has already blessed us with every spiritual blessing, so we were created with all that we need to fulfil what God has planned for us.

However, we have to yield to the Holy Spirit as a child of God and cooperate with Him to see that come to pass in our lives.

**Ephesians 2:10** is an absolutely beautiful picture of who we are in Christ Jesus and how He has a specific Purpose, Plan Destiny and Vision for our lives. Let’s read it now from the **Passion translation version**: ***10****We have become his poetry,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A10&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-10547a" \o "See footnote a)] a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A10&version=TPT#fen-TPT-10547b)*] we would do to fulfill it!*

I am so excited about the future for God’s people (His Body) those that are experiencing and expecting Him to move in their lives and have **Focus Vision**. Let’s look in the book of **Galatians** at a couple of scriptures as we close out this past part of this powerful teaching series.

**Galatians 1: verses 13-14** talks about how Saul, now Apostle Paul did terrible things to the church of Jesus Christ, yet through the loving kindness and tender mercies of God, He chose Paul and set him apart and gave him Purpose, a Plan, Destiny and Vision. How much more has He done that same thing for us (**Focus Vision**). Let’s read chapter **1:15(AMPC)**: ***15****But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing), saw fit and was pleased.*

I will close this powerful teaching series entitled **Focus Vision** with Paul Powerful prayer found in **Ephesians 3:14-21(TPT)**

***14****So I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah,* ***15****the perfect Father of every father and child[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+3%3A14-21&version=TPT#fen-TPT-10572a)*] in heaven and on the earth.* ***16****And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power.* ***17****Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life.* ***18–19****Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+3%3A14-21&version=TPT#fen-TPT-10575b)*] of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!* ***20****Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.* ***21****Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen!*

I want to encourage myself as well as all you that are reading this devotional to continue to have **Focus Vision** as Holy Spirit leads and guides us every step of the way. Until next month always remember that God has truly **Blessed You to Be A Blessings!**