

# vision

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Part 7 – Vision for the Community  
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**Habakkuk 2:2** *And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.” (ESV)*

I. Jesus was driven by **compassion**

**Luke 19:41-42** *But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.” (NLT)*

1. Compassion for **people**

**Matthew 26:10-13** *But Jesus, aware of this, replied, “Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be remembered and discussed.” (NLT)*

2. Compassion for the **community**

**Matthew 23:37** *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.” (NLT)*

II. Jesus was driven by **boldness**

**Matthew 21:12-13** *Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!” (NLT)*

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (NIV)*



**Philippians 1:20** *For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.* (NLT)

**John 3:16** *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (NIV)

III. Jesus was driven by **mission**

**Matthew 26:36-39** *Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”*

*He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”* (NLT)

**Galatians 4:4-5** *But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.* (NLT)

Our mission:

- To be a **lighthouse**
- To be a **gym**
- To be a **hospital**

IV. Jesus was driven by **love**

**Luke 23:32-34...39-43** *Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.*

*Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice...*

*One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”*

*But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”*

*And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”* (NLT)

Personal Application:

1. **Know**

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2. **Do**

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3. **Become**

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All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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