

UPGRADING YOUR VISION

Part 5: Handling Problems

HOW CAN WE GROW IN OUR VISION OF GOD?

- Start with what is revealed in God's Word
- Take time to meditate on God's Word
- Praise God for His greatness **(Psalm 145:3 NKJV)**
 1. His greatness deserves our praise
 2. His greatness extends beyond our mental capacity
- Talk about God being powerful
 1. There is a heart-mouth connection **(Romans 10:8 NKJV)**
 2. Start prayer with the bigness of God **(Acts 4:24 NKJV)**
 3. Talk about His greatness and power **(Psalm 145:6 & 11 NKJV)**

OUR PERSPECTIVE AND HANDLING PROBLEMS

- Gideon lived in an oppressive environment **(Judges 6:1-2 & 6 NKJV)**
 1. Israel was hiding from their enemy - as opposed to resisting
 2. Did not believe they could win
 3. Experienced loss for a long time
 4. Finally cried out to the Lord
- Living in a negative situation will have an impact
 1. Can cause us to hide from the problems
 2. Can cause a loss of expectancy
 3. We can also cry out to the Lord **(Psalm 86:3-5&7 NKJV)**
- God sends an answer to Israel **(Judges 6:7-10 NKJV)**
 1. Israel wanted relief from Midian
 2. God sent a prophet with a course correction
 3. Part of the answer was to stop worshipping the foreign gods
- God sends answers our way **(Proverbs 15:31-32 NKJV)**
 1. Rebuke is correcting a wrong
 2. God's correction leads to life
 3. Correction comes through His word, His Holy Spirit, and other people
 4. One of the best places to make a correction **(Proverbs 15:33 NKJV)**