

Seeing equals Perceiving

Would you agree that an ambassador to a foreign land ought to have the perspectives of the country he is representing? As an ambassador, I hunger to see God's perspective on reality because my perspective can sometimes be like Elisha's servant in 2 Kings 6:15-18: Gehazi runs back to his master to report that an unfriendly army has surrounded the city with horses and chariots (he is thinking, "we are dead meat this time, boss!") His perspective caused him to panic, to say the least.

Elisha prayed, "Lord open his eyes that he might see." When Gehazi received a 'Kingdom of God' view of the situation, he was relieved to see "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha". Gehazi's change of perspective enabled him to "get with the program" that God had in mind. (Keep in mind this type of perception is a gift to be received, not something you or I can work up.) II Tim 2: 25-26

As we learn and practice seeing our personal assignment **in agreement with God's perspective of reality**, it is useful to ponder how the Trinity has modeled for us ambassadors how to get Kingdom things accomplished. When one of Them want to get a project completed, what scriptural examples do we have to show us how they come up with the materials and/or resources needed?

The following are some approaches I have noticed:

1. **Speak it into existence from nothing.** The direct approach. God needed a setting for history so He made and furnished a planet using only Words. Gen 1
2. **Conquer enemies and acquire booty.** Indirect approach. Use a people to conquer the bad guys and plunder their wealth. Deut.6:10, 11 and 7:1 "I will give you cities you did not build and vineyards you did not plant, houses full of beautiful things...."
3. **Enable His people.** He gives us ability to get wealth by blessing the work of our hands. Deut. 8:18
4. **Multiplication method.** Take a small amount of already existing stuff and supernaturally increase it to meet a large need. Jesus saw a little boy's lunch (once blessed) as sufficient to feed about twelve thousand people. The two fish and five loaves multiplied in the hands of His deputies **as** they handed it out. (note: Jesus didn't multiply the food first, then give it to the boys to hand out) Luke 9:13-17

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Prayer Requests

- ✎ *****Please pray for wisdom and direction (perceive His reality) in the acquisition of God's vessel for this ministry!*** This is a BIGGIE!!!**
- ✎ *By faith we have scheduled a Boat Retreat in August. We will either use our own acquired vessel (first choice), or possibly a leased vessel, as we did in May. Either option requires lots of financial backing.*
- ✎ Travel funds needed for Care Givers Conference in Colorado in October.

How about this one?



No Boundaries is a lovely, almost new vessel needing a new purpose. See www.heritageyachts.com The name suits how God operates, right?

Praises

- ✎ We hosted 16 guests in our home in the last 30 days, many of whom received some major truth and healing from the Lord as they called out to Him. We feel privileged to be a part of His quest to free the captives!
- ✎ Our monthly expenses continue to be met by our faithful Lord – through the sacrificial giving of many dear ones like you. Thank-you, thank-you!

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5. **The Combo approach.** This method involves mixing man-made resources with God-made natural resources. Example Matt 17:24-27: Tax money was needed; does Jesus have Pete go to the treasurer, Judas, for a draft/draw on the money bag? No. He sends Peter to the lake to catch a supernaturally directed (1st) fish to Pete's hook with a man-made coin in its mouth. [This reminds me of a boat trip when I was transporting a group of eager young missionaries to a remote village, and along the way I stopped the boat in a very remote patch of ocean to catch some dinner. When I clubbed the 1st big cod fish, a ball point pen fell out of its mouth. It was an ego trip to be compared with Peter. Let me interject a reminder here that **it is a big deal to God that the world might know that there is a God in Israel** or Anacortes or Florida **and that is why He often chooses unusual methods for project completion.** He seems to like the dramatic (so us dimwits will notice)!
6. **Borrowing equipment without asking.** Jesus modeled this in Mark 11:2,3 when He needed a transportation resource for His entry into Jerusalem. This method is still widely used in countries such as Canada and Fiji where the incredulous native says to the dumbfounded missionary, "Gees, why are you so upset? You had an outboard and I needed an outboard, so I took yours, of course. What's the problem?"
7. **Spirit moved donors.** In the Book of Acts, donors were moved to give sacrificially to augment Paul's tent-making business to enable mission trips.
8. **Other.** Our creative Lord loves to "change up" to show who's in charge so we can't "put Him in a box".

Eph 1:18 clearly shows that it is God's desire that you and I SEE / PERCEIVE His realm now.

Please share with us approaches you have seen and/or experienced.

As you know, we at Noble Maritime Ministries have an assignment to "Refresh Souls on Living Water", using inspiring nautical settings - namely a large boat. It has become very clear that the next step is vessel acquisition. Therefore, the frequently asked/prayed question around here is, "Lord, what method do You have in mind to acquire the boat, and how may I cooperate with You today?" Stay tuned! This will be exciting!

Thanks and blessings,

Neil, Kathy and crew

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Family News

- ✂ At press time, still no decision from landlords about the sale of this home. They are nice people and we trust won't kick us out too quickly if they sell.
- ✂ Julie had another amazing trip with S.A.L.T.S. on the Pacific Grace - this time as volunteer crew. Check out <http://www.salts.ca/>



- ✂ It was great having our film making missionary son home for a visit from the University of the Nations. We are so proud of Josh!
- ✂ Betsy is a great help getting these newsletters out - among many other things around here as she continues her horse training.



- ✂ Prayer ministry trainees are doing the stuff! Three cheers for multiplication.
- ✂ Neil has had many opportunities this month to share with new contacts the hope for healing of emotional wounds. Many people believe they have no other option than to live with their hurts.

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