



## Selah-Vision Distractions

**Habakkuk 2:2, *And the LORD answered me, and said, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."***

This verse describes the importance of writing the vision. It was customary in Bible times to engrave something that was important on large tables, smooth stones, or wooden plaques and display them in public. The print was large enough and clearly legible so that it could be read from a distance.

It is important to write the vision and make it plain before us. This allows us to continually remember all the Lord has spoken to us. An important aspect in fulfilling the vision is maintaining focus! Visions are often lost among the many distractions in life. Important things are sacrificed for urgent things. Things that should be done get buried under what must be done.

Andy Stanley in his book *Visioneering* lists several distractions that we may encounter as we run our vision race.

1. Opportunities— Many opportunities have the potential to distract us from the main things God has called us to do. They may be good opportunities or even life's challenges, but they have the ability to decrease our progress.
2. Criticism—false accusations, negativity and discouraging remarks can be distractions. Don't allow these things to slow your race. Go to the Father in prayer. Stay focused and press on to complete your assignment. The fulfillment of your vision will silence your accusers.
3. Fear—Every vision involves risk. We may fear the unknown, lack of provision, or even failure. It is important not to shrink back or retreat. God has called you to a great work. Think of the good that will come from it and advance forward.

Remember Nehemiah's response when he was distracted with an invitation from Tobiah and Sanballat, "*I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?*" Don't get distracted by good opportunities, criticism or fear. Stay focused with the written vision before you and run the race to completion.

***Heavenly Father, Alert us to distractions. Thank you for the grace to write the vision plainly and run with focus and purpose.***