

# CASTING A VISION — PASTOR STEVE GAINES

## 1. Walk with God.

- a. This is expected, but is vital and not always done
- b. Pray, read the word daily

## 2. Don't depend on man's wisdom or your experiences.

- a. Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 55:8-9
- b. Only depend on what the Lord says, even when it seems crazy to man like Ezekiel's call

## 3. Pray for wisdom.

- a. James 1:5, Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 30:21, John 10
- b. Wait on the Lord when you do not know what to do
- c. John 10 - walking with God is a supernatural occurrence, and he speaks clearly through the Holy Spirit as well as the Bible
- d. Revelation – whoever has ears to hear, let him hear

## 4. Get a promise from God in the Bible.

- a. Luke 24:13-35
- b. Example: God spoke to both Donna (John 20:31) and Brother Steve (Judges 6) at different times about coming to Bellevue. That call is why they did not leave in the hard times.

## 5. Consult Godly counselors.

- a. Proverbs 15:22, Acts 15
- b. Acts 15 – leadership has accountability with counselors

## 6. Have Holy Spirit peace.

- a. Philippians 4:6-7

## 7. When you think about your vision, consider these questions:

- Does it honor Jesus?
- Is it Biblical?
- Will it result in people getting saved?
- Will it require the Holy Spirit's power?
- Does it edify the people of God?