



Cavalry: On Trumpets and Horses

SUBSTANCE

Tim Keller said something like:

“Leaders in the church have all kinds of visions, but they don’t have the horses to actually get those visions accomplished. They can blow the trumpet of vision, but they don’t have the horses to carry out the charge.”

“I have become more and more convinced over the course of twenty years of ministry that the typical church’s problem isn’t really a lack of vision. I believe it’s a lack of character and conviction... If we want to live redemptive stories rather than just dream redemptive dreams, we need a renewal in character and conviction.”

- a disreputable author

Feeling good about our church

Imitation

Validation

vs.

Inspiration

(test: do dead people interest you?)

This betrays a *fear.*

Pain

Courage

Focused Intention

Our Present Fear:

There is nothing to harvest

"Does it not seem to you like nothing?" - Hag 2:3

1. People won't believe
2. People won't endure
3. People won't change

Jesus says we're ***wrong***.

When someone tells you your pessimism is wrong, does that produce joy or make you feel threatened?

Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10:1-3

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

John 4:34-37

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, **'Four months more and then the harvest'**? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying **'One sows and another reaps'** is true.

1 Peter 2:2-5

Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that **you have tasted** that **the Lord is good**. **As you come to him**, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—**you** also, like living stones, **are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.