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Lift Your Vision High Vision is a favorite future. A destiny. The vision always contrasts with the world as it is. Visioneering, according to best-selling author Andy Stanley, is a clear mental image of what it could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be. With warm and low practicality, Andy Stanley explores Nehemiah's ordinary life and God-given vision for achieving the extraordinary. It shows how the life of this great ancient visionary, determined to rebuild the ruined walls of Jerusalem, reveals principles that can prepare us to find and follow God's multifaceted vision for our own lives. Now this bestseller is again available in an attractive and affordable pocket book! Everybody ends up somewhere in life. You can end up somewhere on purpose! Visioneering is the engineering of a vision. It is the process that is followed to develop and maintain vision. Vision, Andy Stanley writes, is a clear mental image of what it could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be. In the best seller Visioneering, Stanley builds a compelling argument for the need for a clear, God-ordained vision for each of his life's roles. Whether you're a parent with a vision for your children or a CEO pursuing a corporate vision, Visioneering is the perfect tool to help you develop and maintain God's unique purpose for your life. Visioneering is the best vision book I've ever seen. It will set you on track to discover God's purpose for your life. In my course The Vision of the Leader, I quote from Andy's book more than any other. Visioneering must be on the shelf of every pastor, business leader and father in America. I support him with all my heart! Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, President of Dream for Africa Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley, the pastor of more than 15,000 people, knows many people, and is well aware of the overwhelming and mutual desire that almost every Christian has to find and fulfill God's purpose for their lives. This book was written to shake these hearts and move people forward by providing tangible steps to get from point A to point B. As Stanley says, as Christians say, we have no right to take our talents, skills, experiences, opportunities and education and flee in any direction we want. This book was written to provide a specific plan to go in the right direction. It really is God's plan to develop and maintain personal vision. Get a copy of Visioneering on Amazon. (*This is an Amazon affiliate link.) Everybody ends up somewhere in life. Some people end up somewhere on purpose. I've been to several Andy Stanley churches in the past. I often see your messages online and I listen to your leadership podcast. I've even read some of his other books. Essentially, I knew what to expect when I started Visioneering, that is, a focused and clear cutting message that has an impact on the way I And the book was waiting for these expectations. Visioneering uses nehemiah's biblical history to illustrate 20 basic blocks of visionary leadership. Stanley also uses a wealth of examples of his own life to reinforce these principles. Nehemiah's vision was to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore the city to its former glory. Several obstacles stood in his way, but Nehemiah trusted God's guidance to see the vision to its end. That is the central message of the book: we need God's help and blessing to carry out the vision of our lives. Only by relying on Him to gain inspiration and strength can we overcome the impossible challenges of the world. Stanley establishes a cohesive framework to follow our vision, intertwining strong advice along with the applications of the Book of Nehemiah. I can only imagine that this book would have been even more striking if I had read it with a specific vision in mind, or read it in an organizational environment, for which it is also written. However, Visioneering was still a worthwhile reading. And I will make sure to open it again when I am struck by divine inspiration to carry out a massive and God-ordained vision. In the meantime, I will continue to turn to Andy Stanley for a variety of leadership guidance. Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book from Blogging For Books in exchange for an objective review of the book. Let's hope this counts. About seven years ago, my friend Art gave me Andy Stanley's book Visioneering: God's blueprint for developing and maintaining personal vision. Seven years ago it's an assumption: my memory of him giving me the book is more strongly tied to time shortly after I graduated from college, which was about seven years ago. I was trying to download the book, I think, and he was still mentally minded that the books were impressive. 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With that recommendation, I carry that book with me for seven long years without having any interest Read... that is, until last week, when I found myself searching and feeling that I need to know to do next. Now that I've found my other half, I feel a greater responsibility to know what's going on and know what to do next. Visioneering seemed to like that he had the potential to fill in some blanks. To summarize it concisely, Visioneering provides a 20-point checklist, or building blocks, to choose from and execute a life project using Nehemiah as the primary case study to support the approach. Life project could also be called vision, it could also be career, it could also be something or part of our life that we feel we need to do in our lives, whether it's having a good family, improving other people's lives or whatever. The book closely follows Nehemiah's record of what a Jewish slave was like in Persia and went to Israel to rebuild the wall surrounding Jerusalem, from the moment he sold out with the project to the moment the Jewish people returned to the track worshipping the Lord. Stories of the author's personal experiences are splattered throughout the book as well, to illustrate certain points. Stanley himself is a Dallas Theological Seminary-trained pastor of a church in the northern suburbs of Atlanta. At his best, Visioneering is stimulating, challenging and insightful. I am at a time in my life when I can choose what my next path will look like... what kind of job opportunity I want to pursue, where I want to apply my passions and skills. This book says, well, do this, do that, make sure you stay faithful and keep a watchful eye, and you're ready to go. Stanley supports his claims through the actions of Nehemiah, an Old Testament hero (not a prophet), and examples of acquaintances, friends, family, and members of his congregation. To this end, when reviewing each of the 20 elements, it's easy to remember why each point might be important. The challenge is that the reader must recognize God's will as sovereign throughout all aspects of the life project. In the worst case, however, Visioneering could be preached, fluffy, and vain. On several occasions, Stanley's words come out as a preaching. He supports his argument that God's will is sovereign because, as Christians, his readers have already dedicated their lives to Christ. But he doesn't need to go on and say, After all, we're not ours. We've been bought with a price. Remember the rest? We must glorify -- or honor -- God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) (p. 12). The reader knows what he has committed to and does not need a one you owe me a spiritual one to be called to action. The author also reads in Nehemiah's text to deduce how Nehemiah must have been feeling at various stages: * As hard as it was for Jim to believe, which was just as difficult for Nehemiah to believe (p. 49) * After years of routine and menial service to the king, he must have felt like a caged bird that had been caged that had been put (p. 73) * ... but I think Nehemiah was excited. I was tired. The builders were tired. And now this. I wasn't in the mood... (p. 149) Really? Nehemiah is a fairly simple text. There are times when Nehemiah describes his feelings in certain circumstances (Neh 1:4, 2:2, 5:6, for example), but the book is most often an account of events. These claims may be polite conjectures, but they distract from what is actually being said and give the reader the illusion that the author has some kind of divine knowledge that gives him authority to make other uninitiated claims. Stanley really knows the inner feelings of a person he has never met, who is from a different time period, a different culture, and a different socioeconomic status? Simply speak, present arguments directly, and let the reader choose how things relate to your life. In addition to reading in the text, case studies were too often presented to support building blocks. Case studies are not bad per se, but I find them as weak supports for an argument. Just because a person did something in a way doesn't mean I'll have similar results if I do the same. Moreover, the fact that Nehemiah took a certain approach to building the wall does not mean that I must follow his own approach to my project. Sometimes in Visioneering, it's hard to tell if a story is based on a real event or an invented character. Other times they are summarized in an overly perfect vignette (for example, The Story of Grant, 205-6). If you submit a 20-point checklist for a life project, show me examples of people who tested the entire checklist instead of just parts of it. To strengthen an argument, show me a cohort of individuals who followed a protocol and what their results were. If we're going to use Nehemiah as an example to build a life project, a Stanley omission deserves an explanation. Chapter 3 of Nehemiah includes what appears to be a fairly exhaustive list of who built each section of the wall. It is one thing to direct people to build a wall that surrounds a city; it's something else to record who did what for such an extensive project. While most of the book is a description of Nehemiah's reaction to events, Chapter 3 is a game, listing all others who participated. Couldn't it be another building block, give credit where the credit is owed? What about the importance of organizing and keeping a record for a great project? Several of the building blocks involve a community environment (5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20), but these principles are not included. Well, so what? What does it mean Does the stanley checklist present exhaustive? It seems that no. Has the effectiveness of these building blocks been demonstrated? Not really. But, for a guy looking for something, almost anything -- to use it as a template for the ball rolling, Visioneering answers some questions. It gives examples of options other people had to take and the obstacles they needed to overcome as they pursued their visions. It underlines the importance of moral principles, God's sovereignty, and prayer in pursuing a vision. And if nothing else is there, on my shelf, a small step towards a totally impressive library. More... More