Sermon: **I have let you see it, but I will not let you go there.** (Deuteronomy 34.4)

Aidan was married a few weeks ago. Dressed up in bed, poor picture/sound quality, but saw the wedding.

Frustrating not being able to be present to share the day. Covid-19 in the way. TEXT.

Moses was on Mt Pisgah (800m high) and could see Dan (100 miles away ≈ Mosgiel as the crow flies!). Dan represented the furthest part of Promised Land.

Great though Moses was, he was not allowed to go to there, but could still could grasp the vision.

How often do we find this true in our lives?

Might have a vision of a more harmonious world, where economic growth (which usually leads to the rich getting richer) is not the driving force, but well-being is. Where is the reality today? TEXT.

Might have a vision of a cure for cancer. There has been great progress but TEXT.

Might have a vision of a full church, and so often this eludes us. TEXT.

As a presbyter there are times when we can grasp the vision of a particular congregation and guide in that direction but often move on before the Promised Land is reached.

Teachers and many professionals might suffer the same fate.

Our vision might be much more personal, about getting fit, but health preventing this. TEXT.

Or about getting married, but it just does not happen. TEXT.

How do we cope with these disappointments and frustrations?  
Do we wallow in self-pity for unreached goals?   
Or are these visions in themselves sufficient inspiration to action even if we never reach the goal?

Martin Luther King’s dream was never reached in his lifetime. Party manifestos rarely reach their vision. We might have a strong vision of God’s Kingdom. Rather than bewail what is not achieved stay focussed on the vision. Those who follow us might get where we could not, as did Joshua and the people of Israel.