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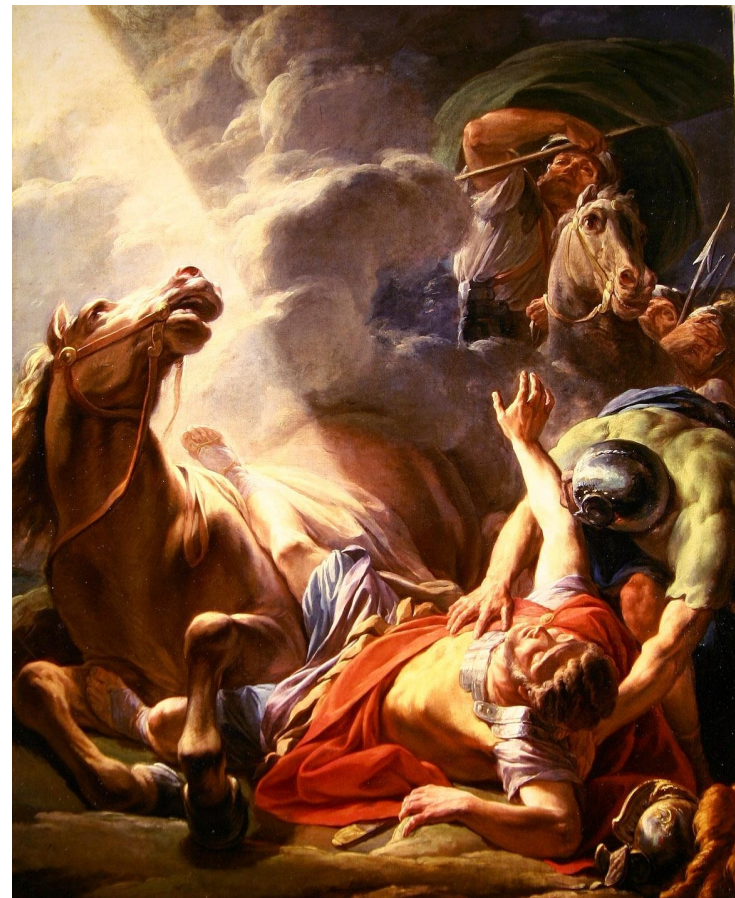
# Vision

1. Paul's Damascus road experience
2. Jesus' teaching/healing
3. The Bible's vision statement





## Acts 9





## Acts 26:9-12

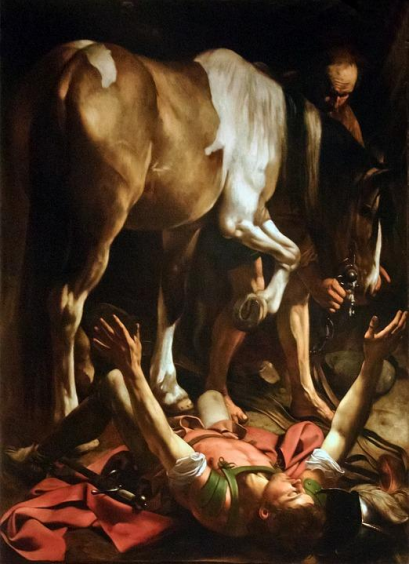
“So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them.

And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.

While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests...”





## 1 Tim. 1:12-14

“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service, Even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet was I shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;  
And the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.”



## Acts 9:8

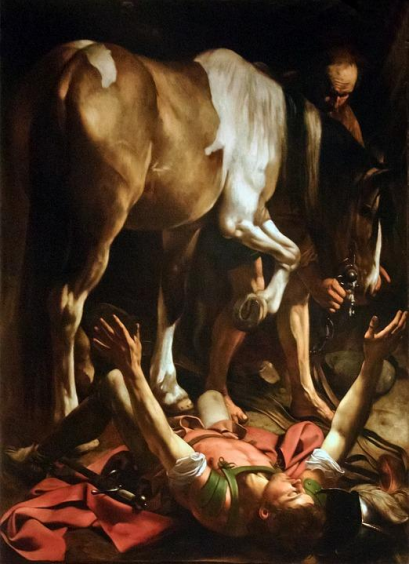
Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing.



Acts 9:15

he is a chosen instrument of Mine





## Acts 9:16

I will show him how much he must suffer

2 Cor. 6:4-5

2 Cor. 11:23-27



## Acts 9:18-19

And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptised; and he took food and was strengthened.

# Vision/Mission Statements

## What Is a Mission Statement?

A mission statement is used by a company to explain, in simple and concise terms, its purpose(s) for being. The statement is generally short, either a single sentence or a short paragraph.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A mission statement is used by a company to explain, in simple and concise terms, its purpose(s) for being.
- It is usually one sentence or a short paragraph, explaining a company's culture, values, and ethics.
- Mission statements serve several purposes, including motivating employees and reassuring investors of the company's future.



Our mission is to make delicious feel-good moments easy for everyone.

Mcdonalds

to accelerate the world's transition to  
sustainable energy

Tesla

Our purpose is reimagining energy for people and our planet. We want to help the world reach net zero and improve people's lives

Beyond Petroleum (formerly British Petroleum)



“Be the destination for customers to save money, no matter how they want to shop.”

Walmart

Our vision is to craft the brands and  
choice of drinks that people love, to  
refresh them in body & spirit.

Coca Cola

possible vision statements for:

- The Bible -> Hab. 2:14

- Jesus' Mission -> John 6:38-40

- The Disciples -> Mark 16:15



Luke 11:33-36

“the eye is the lamp of your body”

Matt. 6:22-24



Luke 6:39-42

“the blind cannot lead the blind”

“first take the log out of your own eye...”





Luke 4:17-21

“recovery of sight to the blind”



## Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

And Jesus stopped and said, “*Call him here.*” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”

Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

And answering him, Jesus said, “*What do you want Me to do for you?*” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want* to regain my sight!”

And Jesus said to him, “*Go; your faith has made you well.*” Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road.



Matt. 23: 16, 17, 19, 24, 26, etc.

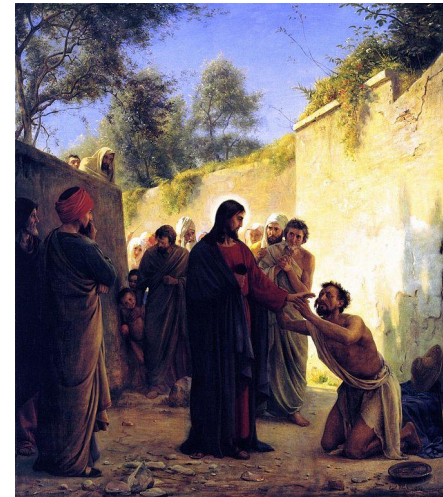
“blind men, blind guides”





## John 9

### Healing the man born blind



Prov. 29:18

“Where there is no vision  
the people perish...”

## 2 Cor. 4:17-18

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things that are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.



# Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.

How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.

The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; The LORD raises up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous;

The LORD protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

The LORD will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!



“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.

Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den.

They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and his resting place will be glorious.”

Isaiah 11:6-10 (NASB)

