



# LET THERE BE...VISION

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“Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint...”

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

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

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)



# WHAT IS VISION?

- the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.
- a dream or similar experience, especially of a religious kind
- an idea or a picture in your imagination

# WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT VISION?



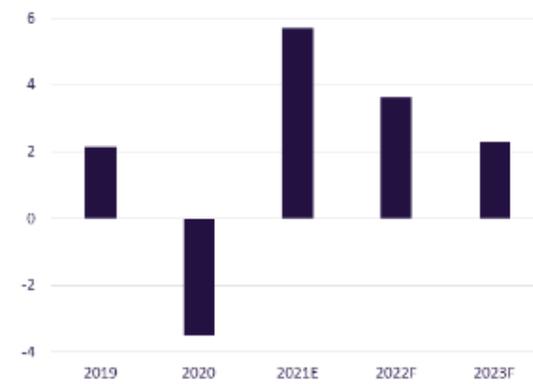
JUST A THOUGHT...

GOD

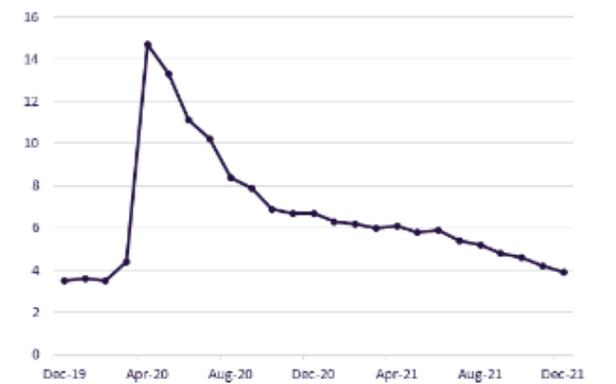
# IS THIS GOD'S VISION?



US: Real GDP growth rate (%)



US: Unemployment rate (%)



Source: GlobalData Business Fundamentals

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# IS THIS GOD'S VISION?



**JUSTICE CHAMPION**  
America's Best Company  
Fights for civil rights.

**WORKPLACE DIVERSITY**  
Benefits are recognized  
when inclusion is top priority.

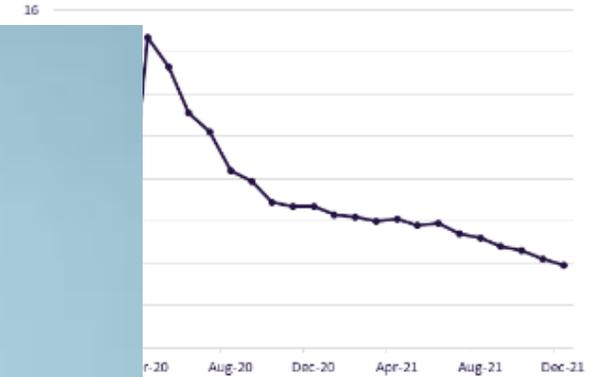
**CORPORATE AMERICA**  
Efforts to increase  
employee retention.



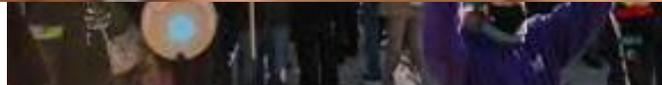
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VISION

YOU?

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We can be sure that  
God cares about God's people.



# WHERE DOES VISION COME FROM?

Matthew 6:33 ESV

But seek first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

## GOD INSPIRED

- Starts with God
- Includes God
- Prayer is valuable to the process
- God's will
- Trust's God's timing

## SELF-INSPIRED

- Starts with "You, Self, I"
- Excludes God
- Prayer is a waste of time, no value to the process
- Only my will
- God's timing is not considered



# THE ENEMY (OR “INNER ME”)



## WHY IS VISION IMPORTANT?

- Challenges will happen
- The enemy wants to distract us
- God cares about the human condition
- Having a relationship rooted in God, helps us make better decisions
- Live with a sense of purpose
- Decisions, decisions, decisions



WORK



# VISION TAKES WORK!!!

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by ACTION, is dead.

*"It takes someone with a vision of the possibilities to attain new levels of experience. Someone with the courage to live his dreams."*

*Les Brown*

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*We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.*

*-Jesse Owens*



# HOW DO WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION?

- Setting goals
- Vision board



## Hebrews 11:1 NRSV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

## Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.



# VISION



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- What do you think God is showing you about vision?
  - What spiritual disciplines can we start doing today or improve upon to help us see God-inspired vision?
  - Do you have God-inspired vision and/or goals where you can see them? If not, will you plan to start?
  - Is there anyone else you can encourage or inspire to document their God-inspired vision and goals?
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