

VISION THE GOSPEL AND YOU!



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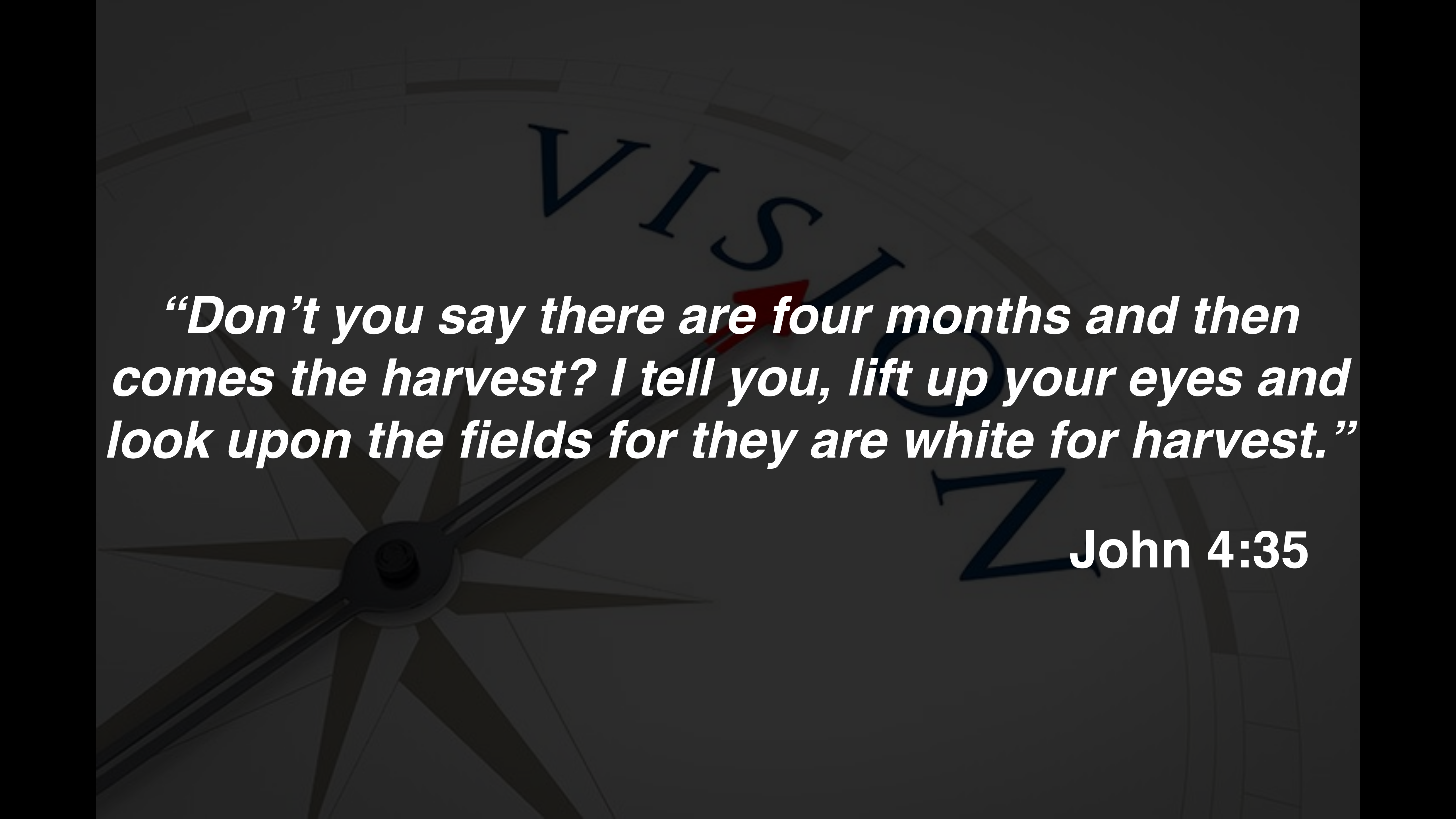


A vision is a mental picture of what could be and what one thinks should be.



“Is there anything worse than losing your sight?”

“Yes, losing your vision.”



“Don’t you say there are four months and then comes the harvest? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look upon the fields for they are white for harvest.”

John 4:35



VISION



“A welcoming international community that invites people to know Jesus, experience the life-changing power of the gospel, and take his message to Budapest and the world.”



Community - *“A welcoming international community...”*

Witness - *“...a community that invites people to know Jesus...”*

Change - *“experience the life-changing power of the gospel...”*

Missions - *“...and take His message to Budapest and the world.”*



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The gospel makes us proud of what Christ has done.



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C.S. Lewis



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“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

2 Cor. 5:17



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*Jesus is at the center of the spiritual house, the church,
and it's his life, death and resurrection that animates us
through the Gospel.*



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“The Gospel changes everything. It does a death blow to your self-centeredness. It changes your psychology, it changes the way you relate to people, it makes you more able to forgive, more able to reconcile, you can do a certain amount of self-renunciation without it killing your self esteem.”

John Stott



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- Colossians 2:6 -



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HEAT - *Life's pressures reveal our hearts*

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”



APPLICATION:

HEAT

- *What heat are you facing right now?*
- *What's an area of personal difficulty for you?*

What are your burdens, pressures, hardships, pains, and temptations, both actual and potential?



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“but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.” - Mark 4:19



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THORNS

- *What cravings and beliefs tend to rule the human heart and produce ungodly patterns?*

“Our problems do not really harm us... problems are solvable. But patterns will destroy us. A pattern is a problem that recurs. Look for those.”

Dr. Henry Cloud



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CROSS - *What rules your heart?*

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