

DEVOTIONAL SERIES

BE THOU MY VISION

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Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What do you see as you look around? As you read this, you may be sitting in your home, sipping on a coffee. Maybe you're in an office at your desk. Perhaps you're even in church. I'd imagine that wherever you are, you find yourself surrounded by your things: kitchen cabinets, couches, desks, a car, a tv, or a piano.

But you know, I've been reminded in recent days, how nothing comes with us when we leave this world. Every material thing that we've worked for, built, or accomplished in this life, stays behind – it's all temporary. So, what are our eyes on? Or perhaps the better question is: What is it we're really living for anyway? How do we work and strive for things that last and that truly matter?

This song is a prayer and declares that we live for Jesus! He is our greatest reward! It's our eternity with Him, not the stuff we accumulate, that really fuels our life on this earth. Christ's blood shed on the cross for us has given us a freedom that enables, equips, and empowers us to live our lives with purpose and hope. The familiar words invite us to sing, *"Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only be first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art!"*

As we join in the new chorus, we sing of the freedom that is ours in Jesus. Freedom from sin. Freedom from guilt and shame. Totally free to be found in Christ's holy presence. The chorus continues, prayerfully stating/asking: *"As darkness gives way to Your marvelous light, Eyes are now open, You've touched and You've restored our sight. Give us wisdom to know what is best and is right. Help us see."*

PRAYER

*Yes, help us see, Lord! Be our sole vision in this world. Whatever happens, we believe, we trust, we know, that Your vision is always right, true, and best. Help us see You amid distractions, darkness, confusion, and disunity. Help us as we choose You and Your vision, to be faithful, devoted, and passionate in living it out and sharing it with our world.
Help us keep our eyes on You!*