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### Mission, Vision, Values and Goals

Something about graduating college and just going and starting a job never sat right with me. I always pictured there would be more to life post-college, besides the desire to get married and have a family, which has always been on my heart. It has always been on my heart to live a life that makes a difference in the world, that is truly purposeful. However, that being said, I'm not really sure what that looks like. So in this paper, I will discuss my mission, vision, values, and goals for my life, even though God's ultimate plan for me might look very different.

My mission for this short life is to love God with all my heart, soul, and mind and to love the people around me. Jesus tells us that there is no commandment greater than this- therefore, even though I try and may fail, this is my ultimate mission.

Forming a vision for the next five years comes with a bit of weariness. It's easy to picture where I want to be, but difficult to accept that it might not be where I end up. It takes pressure off knowing God's plan for my life is better than anything I could dream of or write in this paper. In five years from today, I will have the same outlook, that God's plan will prevail and that He is always good. This being said, when I am 26-5 years from the age I am now- I will have graduated from Point Loma Nazarene and continued on to pursue a career in interior design at Sea Pointe Design and Remodel in Orange County, a company I did an internship for at 19. I will live in San Clemente in a one story house with my husband who I married at 25, but we would have a few-acre property in Montana that we would spend our summers and vacations at. We would have horses, chickens, and a garden. I look back on the time since I graduated college, knowing I'm still best friends with the people Point Loma brought into my life and reminiscing

on the time we spent traveling together post-graduation. They wouldn't live too far away as we would see each other often, and we would get to experience each other's weddings and raising kids together. My husband and I would also be well-traveled, and planning to have kids, probably two or three, within the next few years, at that point I will become a stay at home mom. We would have a dog, or two, of which are probably golden retrievers that go everywhere with us- camping, hiking, to the beach and up to the mountains. My husband and I would be best friends, deeply rooted in our faith and involved within our church as well as with other ministries close to our heart. We would be incredibly close with both of our families and see them a few times a week, my whole family would be at great places in their own lives and we would still have Sunday night dinners together.

Three values I hold dear are my faith, my family and gratitude. My faith is my most important value because it is what lays the foundation for the way I live my life, it determines how I handle situations that come my way, how I love people, how I make decisions, and so much more. One way I support this value is by fostering a relationship with God through prayer and studying His word daily. My family is also one of my most important values as they are the ones who have made me who I am, and I respect and value my relationship with my mom, dad, and brother and choose to prioritize that above others. Finally, I say gratitude because I believe it helps to foster contentment with what one has, regardless of their circumstance. Prioritizing gratitude in my life also reminds me I'm not self-sufficient, and that I need to depend on God. Deciding to be grateful for what I have, even if life isn't going the way I want it to, helps cultivate a thankful heart and mindset.

My Measurable Goals:

1. Be married by the time I turn 25.

2. Have kids by the age of 29.
3. Read the whole Bible and know scripture well by 25.
4. Have no debt in 5 years.
5. Buy a house by 29.

The bible tells us that “life is but a breath” (Psalm 39:4), meaning that we have a very short time here to live life the way *we* want to. Maybe that’s graduating college, getting a career, and getting married/starting a family. Although these are all things I desire, and the goals I find most attainable, I don't want to ever neglect the reason I was put here. Even though I may not know God's exact plan for my life, or how He will use me, my mission, vision, value, and goal for this life is to live a life worthy of the calling God has for me, whatever that may look like.