

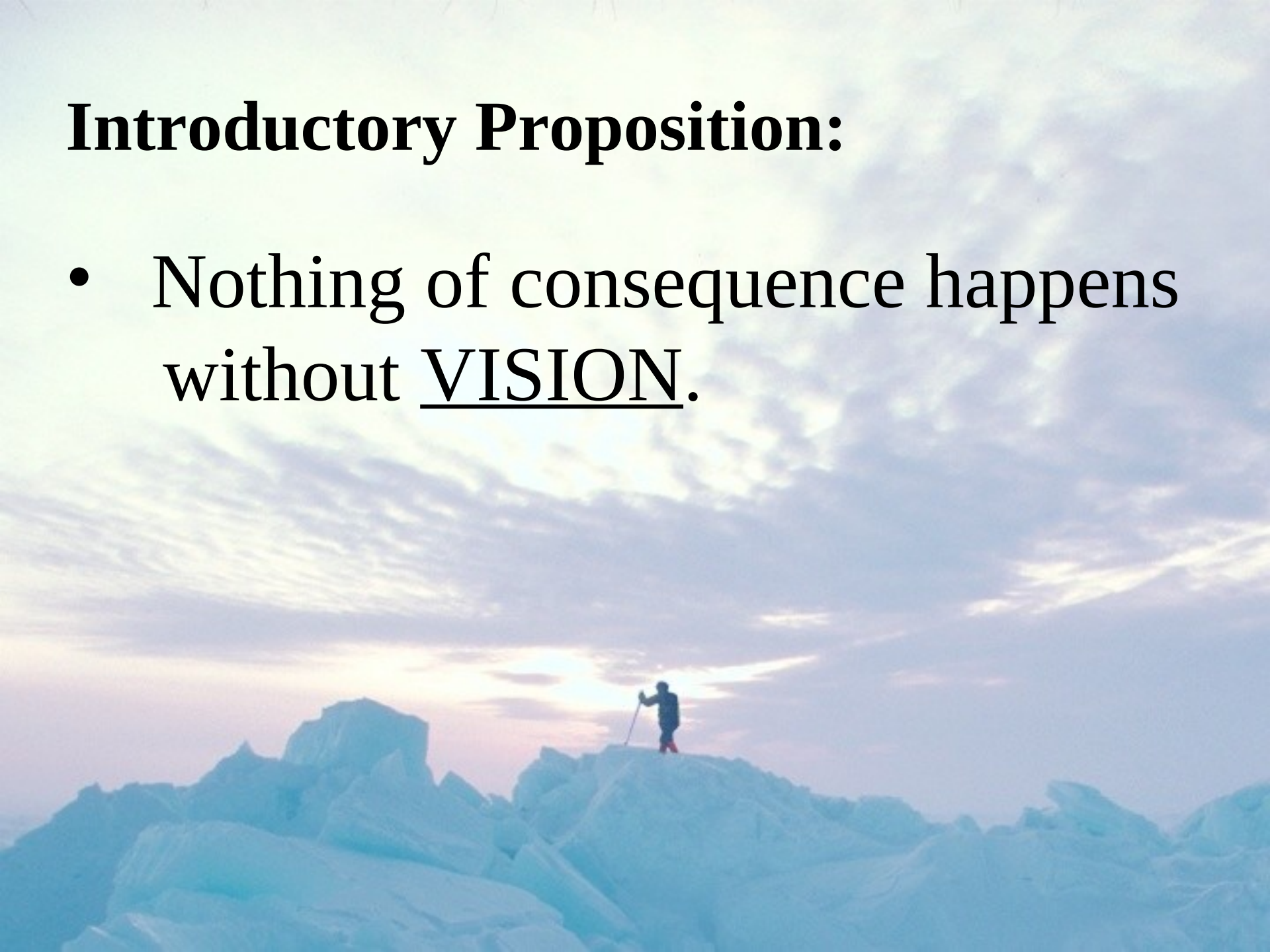
A person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a rocky mountain peak. The person is holding a climbing pole. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by light blues, greys, and whites, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting.

VISION:
More Than Wishful Thinking

Matthew 7:24-28

Introductory Proposition:

- Nothing of consequence happens without VISION.

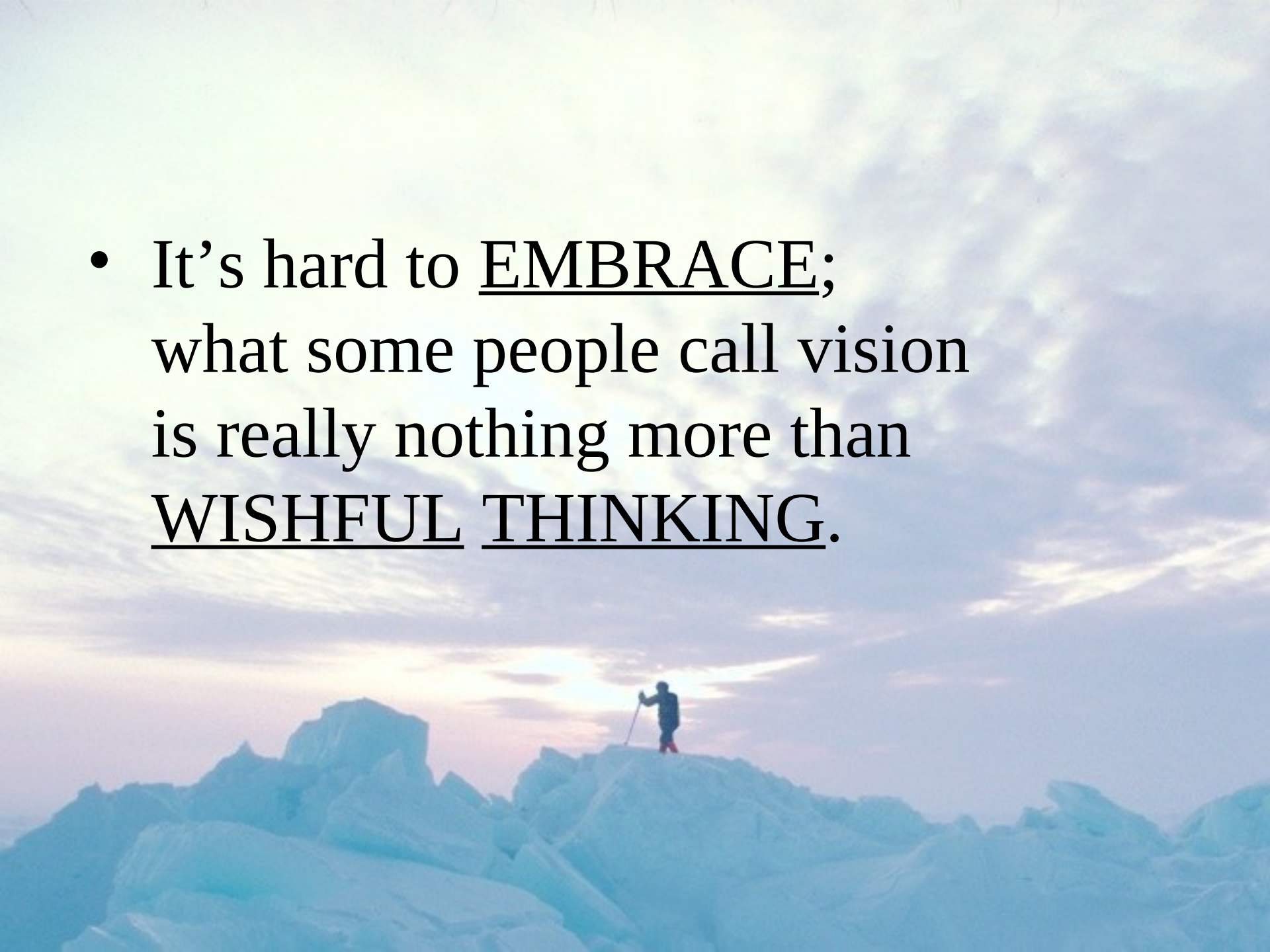


TWO PROBLEMS WITH VISION...

- It's hard to DEFINE.
 - “Vision is a mental picture of what COULD be...”
 - “Fueled by a passion that it SHOULD be.”

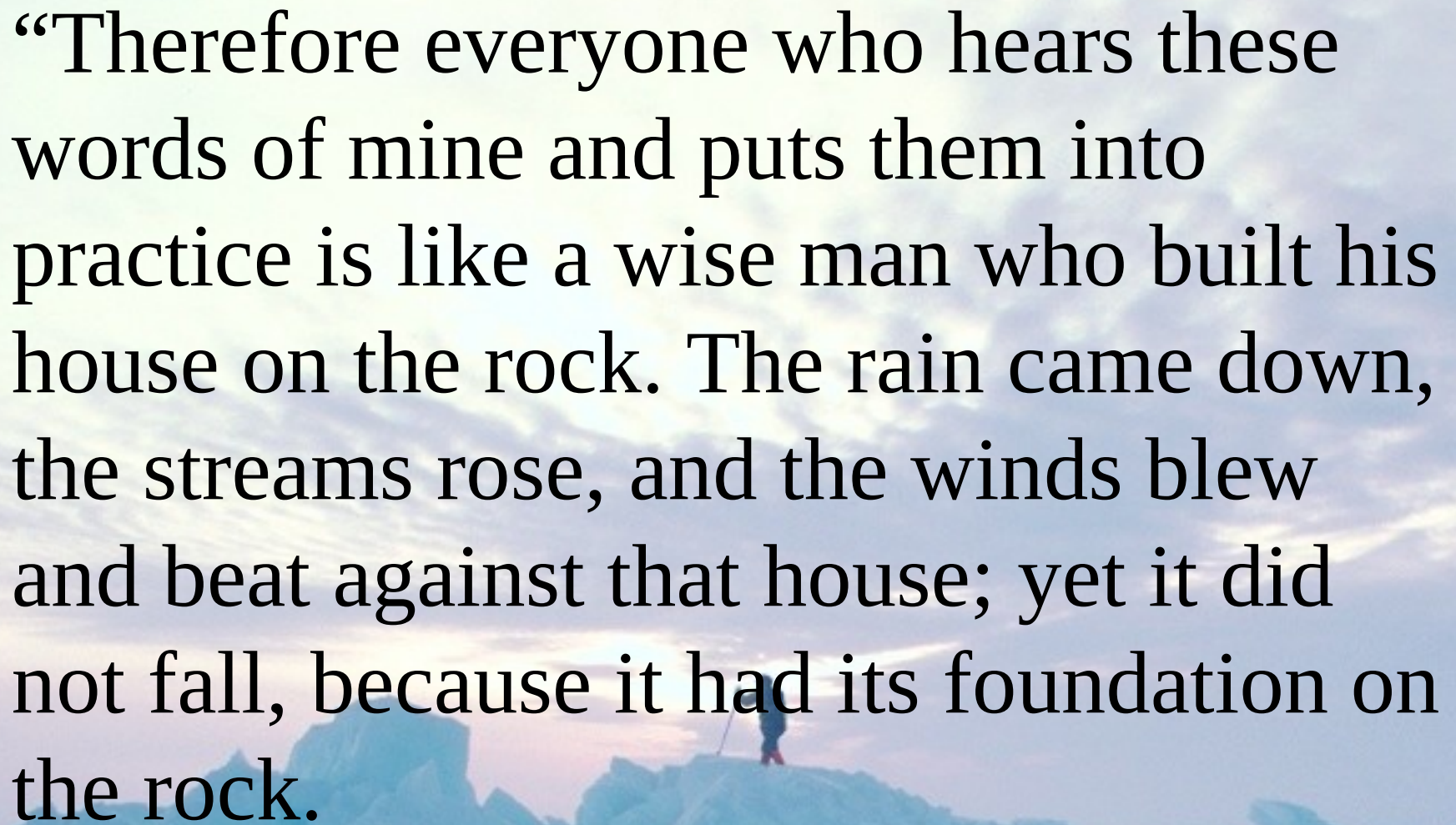


- It's hard to EMBRACE;
what some people call vision
is really nothing more than
WISHFUL THINKING.



Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

A person is seen climbing a mountain peak at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun, standing on a rocky outcrop. The overall scene conveys a sense of achievement and resilience.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



A PROFILE OF TWO BUILDERS...

- Two similarities:
 - Both had the same DESIRE.
 - Both had the same RESOURCES available.



- One BIG difference:
 - One had a WISH
and the other had a VISION.



FOUR FACTS ABOUT VISION...

1. PROGRESS depends on it.
 - Without a vision we don't know what to do NEXT.



FOUR FACTS ABOUT VISION...

2. UNITY hinges on it.

- A common vision keeps us from PETTINESS.



FOUR FACTS ABOUT VISION...

3. It provides MOTIVATION.

- Vision enables me to pay the SHORT - TERM price for the LONG - TERM benefit.



FOUR FACTS ABOUT VISION...

4. It serves as a PRIORITY TIE - BREAKER.

 - Vision enables me to sacrifice the GOOD for the BEST.



CONCLUSION...

- The real test of a vision is the STORM.

