

Sunday, December 31, 2006 • Billy Edmonds  
**THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A SECOND LOOK**  
**Mark 8:22-25**

**What is \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

Physical vision is a combination of \_\_\_\_\_ stimulus and \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

**What is \_\_\_\_\_ vision?**

Spiritual vision is seeing things from \_\_\_\_\_ point of view.

This unique miracle moves through a succession of a \_\_\_\_\_ step process that requires \_\_\_\_\_ miracles.

**I. \_\_\_\_\_**

They \_\_\_\_\_ him to Jesus.

They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to touch him.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is actively involved in our lives and moves to convict, restore, comfort and draw us into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**II. \_\_\_\_\_**

God did not stand at a \_\_\_\_\_ distance and merely speak to us but came to us by \_\_\_\_\_ presence and close up \_\_\_\_\_.

We have a \_\_\_\_\_ who understands what we go through and extends the hand of mercy and grace to us in our need.

**III. \_\_\_\_\_**

The danger of crowds is that, though they do \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity, they often \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Jesus isolates us \_\_\_\_\_.

His touch is a lingering \_\_\_\_\_ touch — that vibrates with mercy, but closes us into heavy \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you have a \_\_\_\_\_ ministry? How is your \_\_\_\_\_ vision?

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ turned to \_\_\_\_\_

**Biblical Principle:** Every parable requires a \_\_\_\_\_ of divine \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of divine \_\_\_\_\_.

There are two types of people here today. Those that need \_\_\_\_\_ sight of a first touch and those who need \_\_\_\_\_ sight from a second touch.

**V. \_\_\_\_\_**

Proper spiritual vision is an absolute \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual victory.

Spiritual vision is an absolute \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The first miracle of spiritual sight \_\_\_\_\_.

A global \_\_\_\_\_ requires a global \_\_\_\_\_.

*Simon Peter References of vision adjustment:*

John 1:42, Matthew 4:18-22, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 16:13-17, Matthew 16:18-24, Matthew 17:1-9, Matthew 17:24-27, Luke 22:31-32, John 13:1-13, John 21:1-17, Acts 10:1-48

**The Bottom Line:**

A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual adjustment is necessary to bring our viewpoint into agreement with God's viewpoint.

**Response:**

For the next seven days let us join together in Paul's prayer of illumination for the up coming year for ourselves, our family and our church.

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:18-23*

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**What is vision?**

Physical vision is a combination of **objective** stimulus and **subjective** experience.

**What is spiritual vision?**

Spiritual vision is seeing things from **God's** point of view.

This unique miracle moves through a succession of a **five** step process that requires **two** miracles.

**I. INVOLVEMENT**

They **brought** him to Jesus.

They **begged** Jesus to touch him.

The **Holy Spirit** is actively involved in our lives and moves to convict, restore, comfort and draw us into the **identity** of Christ.

**II. IDENTIFICATION**

God did not stand at a **safe** distance and merely speak to us but came to us by **personal** presence and close up **contact**.

We have a **High Priest** who understands what we go through and extends the hand of mercy and grace to us in our need.

**III. ISOLATION**

The danger of crowds is that, though they do **popularize** Christianity, they often **pollute** it.

Jesus isolates us **personally**.

His touch is a lingering **personal** touch — that vibrates with mercy, but closes us into heavy **responsibility**.

Do you have a **personal** ministry? How is your **personal** vision?

**IV. IMPARTATION**

**Expectation** turned to **experience**

**Biblical Principle:** Every parable requires a **miracle** of divine **wisdom** and every **miracle** is a **parable** of divine **revelation**.

There are two types of people here today. Those that need **necessity** sight of a first touch and those who need **improved** sight from a second touch.

**V. IMPROVEMENT**

Proper spiritual vision is an absolute **necessity** for spiritual victory.

Spiritual vision is an absolute **miracle** of God.  
The first miracle of spiritual sight **only goes so far**.

A global **mission** requires a global **vision**.

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**The Bottom Line:**

A **regular** and **radical** spiritual adjustment is necessary to bring our viewpoint into agreement with God's viewpoint.

**Response:**

For the next seven days let us join together in Paul's prayer of illumination for the up coming year for ourselves, our family and our church.

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:18-23*