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FINDING HOPE: WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR WAY CLEARLY

Matthew 6:22 *“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, then your whole body will be full of darkness.” (NLT)*

Wisdom is learning to see life from God’s point of view.

Proverbs 29:18 *“Without a vision, the people perish.” (NIV)*

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Ephesians 1:18 *“I pray that the eyes of your heart will be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.” (NIV)*

Mark 8:22 *“They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and he led him outside the village.” (NIV)*

1. Miracles happen when somebody cares.

Caring friends bring hurting friends to Jesus.

2. Miracles happen when we get close to Jesus.

Mark 8:23 *“Jesus took him by the hand and led him outside the village.” (NLT)*

3. Miracles happen when we trust Jesus to lead us.

Mark 8:23 *“Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man’s eyes he laid his hands on him and asked, “Can you see anything now?” The man looked up and said, ‘I see people but they look like trees walking around.’” (NLT)*

Mark 8:25 *“So Jesus put his hands on the man a second time. Then his eyes were opened fully, his sight was restored completely, and he saw everything clearly. And Jesus sent him home saying, ‘Don’t go back into town.’” (NLT)*

My spiritual vision grows in stages.

The test of my vision is how I see other people.

Matthew 9:36 "When Jesus saw the crowds he was moved with compassion." (NIV)

My focus gets sharper.

My perspective gets larger.

(mosaic we had on the auditorium wall)

My vision gets clearer.

Job 34:32 "Teach me what I cannot see; if I've done wrong, I won't do it again."

Mark 8:27 "Then Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' And his disciples replied, 'Some people say you're John the Baptist; others say you're Elijah; and still others say you're one of the other prophets.'"

Mark 8:29 "So then Jesus said, 'But what about you?' Jesus asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter said, 'You are the Christ. You are the Messiah.'"

Because how I see Jesus determines how clearly I see everything else.