

## The Body Of Christ Discovering God

### The Man Who Was Blind (Continued)

Last week, Jesus encountered a blind man but this one was **different**.

#### **Mark 8:22-26**

Let's remind ourselves:

- Jesus **spit** in his eyes, and **laid** His hands on him, and asked a question.

What do you see?

Answer was: I see men like **trees** walking

Jesus then laid His hands on him **again** and the blind man was restored **physically**.

Some would say: Even with Jesus, it doesn't work the first time.

I don't agree with that; people who teach this in this story do not understand **spiritual** things.

So we can go deeper in this story. Let's go over what we said last week:

- Every person has **two** sets of eyes:
  - A. You have a **natural** set of eyes
  - B. You have a **spiritual** set of eyes

The man answered: "I see men like trees walking"

The Bible uses trees describing men in Psalm 1;  
Psalm 52; Psalm 92; Jeremiah 17; Isaiah 55

In the New Testament, Matthew 7 – speaks of a good  
tree and bad tree.

1. Jesus opened the blind man's spiritual eyes first, then Jesus put His hands on him again (not because it didn't work the first time) and opened or healed his physical / natural eyes.

This is the wholeness progression:

- If you don't see spiritually, you will not be able to hear spiritually.
- If you cannot hear spiritually, then you cannot understand in your heart.
- If you cannot understand in your heart, you will or cannot turn so you are healed by the power of God.

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Folks if you know God has spoken to you, there are two ways to test He is:

- A. Does it agree with the whole Bible?
- B. Does it agree with the context?

Mark 8:1-10 Feeding of the 4,000 people

The Pharisees walk up and ask Jesus something

## Mark 8:11

- Miracle of the 4,000 - Pharisees say, show us a sign
- \* Jesus knows the Pharisees' hearts were hard and they cannot see spiritually.

Jesus is concerned about the disciples because He is about to leave the kingdom to them.

## Mark 8:13-15

## Mark 8:16

- They said, told you we should have brought more bread

No, Jesus is talking about spiritual blindness.

## Mark 8:17-21

- Jesus gets in the boat and says, guys beware of the bread (the doctrine the Pharisees are teaching)

Don't eat that bread

What does bread mean?

Answer: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

Natural bread: nourishment

Spiritual bread: the Word of God

The disciples didn't get it – He said why

## Mark 8:17-18

2. In the spiritual, Jesus is telling them they're **blind**.
3. The Creator of the **universe** puts His hands on the blind man and don't you dare believe it **didn't work**.
  - It's exactly what Jesus **wanted** to happen, happened.

He laid His hands and asked, what do you see?

Mark wrote that down – he saw men like **trees**

Jesus puts His hands on him again and asks, now what do you see?

He said, now I can see in the **natural**.

4. The man saw **spiritually**, then he saw **physically**.

What causes spiritual blindness?

John 9 – whole chapter is healing a **blind** man.

- Blind man gets healed and then he gets in **trouble**.

Look at verse 39 – Jesus talks about **spiritual** blindness.

## John 9:39-40

**John 9:41** – we need to understand

- Jesus heals a **blind** man
- Then says, the real reason I came into the world is not just to heal in the **natural**, but to heal **spiritually**.

5. Jesus said to Pharisees, if you would admit to Me you are blind without Me, I am the Light of the world and you say you can see without Me, the Light of the world.

Verse 41 – Jesus said if you would admit to Me you need Me, I would take away all your sin.

Because we admit we need Jesus, we have no sin – none.

What causes spiritual blindness?

Answer: unconfessed sin

If you're not born again, you need the Light of the world.

If you're born again, and the scripture is not jumping out at you (unconfessed sin)

Remember Jesus led him out of town?

- The guy lived in another town, not Bethsaida

Bethsaida was not his home.

Jesus is not going to Bethsaida, but going through Bethsaida.

Jesus leads him out of the town and heals him and says don't go back in that town.

You know why Jesus does this?

- About a year before, Jesus was in Bethsaida and worked great miracles there.

Jesus shared who He was, and they rejected Him.

## **Luke 10:13-14**

Tyre and Sidon – **Sodom** and **Gomorrhah**

Bethsaida – it's **too late**

Don't let it be **too late**.