

"The Seeing Eye"

[John 9:1-11](#)

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."

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Pastor Thom Rittichier Intro:

A couple of notes if you have the sheet that is given a. If you need one of those been put up your hand, we'll get one to you here. Interesting prayer focus that we have. Indonesia, I'd like you to look at that one paragraph that were comes right under the segment there on Indonesia. Indonesia is large and diverse, has 17,500 Islands scattered across 1 million square kilometers of ocean. The population speaks 722 language, languages and lives on 60,000 different islands. This is one country. Indonesia has the world's second largest rainforest and vast coral reef, the government faces an enormous challenge to hold this diverse nation together. It must be balanced national, with national unity, and yet each region unique identity. Indonesia's history includes discrimination in justice, human rights, abuse and violent conflict. Pray for the government to act with righteousness. And to honor each of the peoples and communities it represents, then they are listed there for you five prayer request to note, I'd like to add to that also, this one, if you got a pen, you can jot this down that the

work of foreign missions going on in Indonesia, that God would continue to use that and that the people would gain a vision for reaching others. As a matter of fact, I'd like to present this to you. Recently, we took the offering for Gideons had \$290 that came from our fellowship to them, we got a letter this week appreciating that it will be 58 Bibles full text and 242 New Testaments that they're able to distribute. So they send to us the opportunity to choose where we would like to go with this. There are several projects in place. One that is a country in need is Indonesia. They have a scripture Blitz planned, which this is when they travel there, and they distribute the Bibles that's planned for March 6 through the 13th of 2021. So it's our option, if we would like to direct it there. I think this week, we ought to be praying, praying concerning Indonesia, these requests and also praying, then, if this is where we ought to send that there is another place that's heavy on my heart. And that's Nigeria and the current circumstances in Nigeria. I'll share with that you with that next week. But these are some matters for us to keep

in prayer whole people 722 different languages in one nation, amazing. also like to remind you concerning our missionaries, that who are who are working in Bible translation, I'll put these on the back table, keep them in prayer. Also, there is the offering that we have for them working in a third world country desperately, desperately in need of scripture in their own language. Our missionaries are back in the States right now. And they're working on translation from the States. So they've gone there and gathered a bunch. And now they're working on that, to actually put it into the language of the people. So let's pray together. Father in heaven, we come before you this morning, we are grateful that you have given us grace and truth, which is in Jesus Christ. And when you receive Christ, you receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. Through him. We thank you that you offer that as a free gift and we pray that we will be carrying it to our circles, that we will have the heart to touch people I know going on concerning requests we have gotten in our amps meetings, and some of the interactions Father I pray for some of those going on right now a father and a son or rather a son and a father. Were son struggling with faith. To even touch the life of his father who made a profession of a Christian faith and walked away, we think of that case or dinette going on in prayer to you. We think of our own community and the need to touch lives here. We pray for the advance of the prayer request ministry, that we will be taking that even during COVID times and a time that's peeking here as high, a high surge time here in our area, and in rural places around the country. We pray, Father, for us to be ministering grace and truth and that you give us those doors of connection. This morning, Father, we pray that we will have our eyes open to the truth of you working all things, things that come before us that maybe we have a different opinion about what you're doing. And yet you accomplishing the glory of God in them. Pray that you give Dr. Stewart the words that you have for our hearts to be strengthened. It's such a time as this. And God's folk said would you say? That's it? That's what we said. Yeah. Okay. Very good. We're gonna turn this over to Dr. Stewart this morning.

Dr. Tom Stewart 11/8/2020 at Heartland Bible Chapel:

Good morning. bright, sunny day. So I want to, we'll kind of look at John chapter nine today with the title The seeing eye. And when I asked Nate, I told that to Nate and he said it brought to mind Saren from Lord of the Rings. So I don't want you to I want you put a red X through that it's not about Saren. It's a very different Seeing Eye for good. The eye itself is pretty amazing. Wikipedia says this, the eye is a complex optical system which collects light from the surrounding environment. The eye regulates light intensity by your pupil which is actually a muscle which constricts and dilates the focus light on an adjustable assembly of lens to form an image exactly on your retina. The image is converted to electrical chemical signals, which are sent along neurons or nerve cells to the optic cortex, that's the brain in the back of your head. When you're first born, your eyes don't see as you see now, they have to develop, they must be exposed to light, the images the colors to mature to what you have now this vision that's vivid, hopefully and colorful and amazing that we take for granted so much. baby's first born don't see much they kind of look out in their first few days and weeks and they look towards light but they can't really focus on things. The study this scientists took kittens when they were small, and put them in a room. In one part of the study the the room had vertical lines, nothing else vertical lines, other room horizontal lines. The problem was when the cats grew older, the ones

that were raised with the horizontal stripes would walk into a chair leg because they couldn't see it because they had no vertical recognition that hadn't developed because they have been seeing the horizontal all along I can't remember what happened to the other group. I think it was a problem with stairs I don't they fell off them or wouldn't go to them. I don't know what happened. Exactly.

Yeah, yeah. So the eye on and develop that ability. Why am I telling you all this?

You know, the eye that's never seen. It doesn't have these connections in place to see vision that suddenly restored and so that's about our story. It's about a blind man born blind from birth. Jesus heals him not only heals this eye that may have like a cataract or a problem with the with the lens in the front, but it's like his whole I hadn't developed because he had never seen anything. There's all these brain connections that have to be restored. Jesus can do that. You know, he comes up to a lay man that's not walked for 20 years and his legs atrophied. And he heals him. And the leg is like restored the muscles are just like the other side and he can doesn't have a limp anymore. He walks and leaps It's the same with the eye. No therapy, complete restoration. So that's part of our story. So about the restoration of physical blindness, but it's also about the restoration of spiritual blindness. We're going to read and look at detail at John chapter one verse or on chapter nine verses one through 11. But we'll briefly summarize through the rest of the story. Because it tells us about another kind of healing. The healing of spiritual blindness. Let's read it John chapter nine verses one through 11. As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him rabbi who sinned this man or his parents that he was born blind. Jesus answered, It was not that this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day, night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. He anointed the man's eyes with with the mud and said to him, Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which means sent. So we went and washed and came back seeing the neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar. We're saying, Is not this the man who used to sit and beg? Some said it is he other said, No, but he is like him. He kept saying, I am the man. So they said to him, then How were your eyes open? He answered. The man called Jesus made mud and anointed in my eyes and said to me, go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed and receive my sight. Verse one, as he passed by. Jay Adams has an interesting comment about this. That's it's rather probing question. Do you have time for people as you're going through your day? Sometimes it's hard to have time for people, right? Because you got to get to that next thing. But Jesus did have time for this man. As Jesus passed by, he saw man, too often we pass right on by Jesus saw a man a man who needed help. Often, we don't want to see. We want to get where we're headed. Jesus compassion jumps off the page at us here. This man has been blind from birth. For student his disciples asked him rabbi who said this man or his parents that he was born blind. what's what's wrong with that question? who send? But there any handicapped person? It would be someone sin involved, right? Absolutely. It must be that they're assuming that. And that, at the time is a kind of a heresy that many of the Jews believed. But it's not true. handicapped people are always sinners, and their parents aren't centers. It's kind of like karma, right? If a person sins, it's going to come back and bite them.

Like blindness in this case, but does sin ever have consequences? Sure does. I mean, if this guy was drunk, and he fell off a cliff on his head, he might be blind because of that. That could be a consequence. But this blindness was present before he was born. Some of the Jews at this time are from his birth, I should say, some of the Jews at this time were influenced by Greek philosophy. It believed you could have sinned in another life, a pre existence state, kind of like reincarnation. The Bible doesn't teach that. There were also Jews who were like Job's counselors. They believe that either this guy it was his sin, or it was, in fact, you could even sin in utero in your mom's belly. You could sin or his parents send both bad theology. The Old Testament says this father shall not die because of their children nor children died. Because of their fathers, but each one shall die for his own sins Second Chronicles 25. For an exodus 1820 says the soul who dies will the I'm sorry the soul who sins will die. The Son shall not suffer for the iniquities of the father or the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be in upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. verse three, Jesus corrects this bad theology. It was not that this man sinned or his parents. There's comfort in these words to those who suffer. God does not give us what we deserve. Or we would all be crippled or dead, right? Harry Ironside said this. Why was this man born blind? This raises a question that troubles a great many people. Why is it that infants have to suffer? Why is it that some children are born into a world with imperfect main bodies? Some are blind, some deaf, some dumb, some limb abnormalities? How can you account for a God of infinite love and grace, allowing an infant to suffer? If you leave out the doctrine of the fall of man, I don't do not know of any way in which to reconcile an infant suffering with a God of love. But when we realize that all pain, suffering and sorrow have come into the world because of sin, because a man's sin in the beginning, turned away from God, we realize that these things are the effect of man's disobedience. If a child is born into a condition dition like this man, in some way, God will be glorified. There is a higher purpose in this man suffering, verse three, that the works of God might be displayed in him. Now, some people might say, you know, God's kind of twisted to make this guy vague all these years, so we can just using him use them here by healing him. If he were just a prop, that might be true. But as we take a look at the whole passage, we see that God has purposes higher than ours, and he has this guy's best interests in mind. He loves this blind man. Jesus will do two things through this healing. He will lovingly heal this white man to restore him from decades of suffering, and he will sign up simultaneously put up another signpost. You remember what the signpost was. We talked about it last time. The Messiah came. The miracles were signposts to declare that he was God's man. I am the Messiah. I have a divine purpose to redeem mankind while personally. He cares for this crippled man. God is good and always here. Verse four, we must work the works of Him who sent me wallet is day night is coming when no one can work. What does that mean?

Jesus was sent to accomplish God's work. The day is when we're alive when Jesus is alive, it's during his lifetime. We must accomplish these things now because night is coming. The darkness after Jesus death. Nothing's accomplished after Jesus death at least until x chapter two. when the Holy Spirit comes to inhabit into power God's people. Notice verse five confirms this as long as I'm in the world, that is day after cruiser crucifixion and death dark night. But light will come. MacArthur says this. What Jesus told the disciples applies to all believers. They are to serve God with a sense of urgency making the most of their time because the days are

evil. Ephesians 5:16. We should live as if it were our last week. Jesus wants us to work diligently while we still have days. We've had a memorial service for two people in the last week for Calvin, and Joanne. None of us knows how many days we have left. Then Jesus said, verse five, I am the light of the world. This is one of seven statements in John that are the IM statements. They are foundational. It's rich with meaning. So what does he mean? We've certainly seen God associated with light. We see Jesus at his transfiguration. He's got brilliant light that emanates from him. We know that God lives in unapproachable light, but I would suggest you hear better than that. Thinking of a such a bright shining light that you can't really look into consider it this way. Psalm 119. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. It's a light to give guidance to give help on the way. Like a lighthouse in a storm. It provides us with a fixed point of reference to keep us from crashing on the rocks of life. It shows us the right way. JOHN has used light throughout the book of John, if you went back to chapter one, if you look at these three verses, verse four, or five and nine, Jesus says, or John says, Jesus' life is the life that shines to men. It shines in darkness because the world is full of darkness and evil, and it will not be overcome. The light prevails. The light overcomes night and that enlightens everyone, we notice later. This does not mean all people because all people do not see him for who he is, they do not follow Him, they do not receive Him. And in John 3:19, he says, Some men are condemned because they refuse to believe in Jesus, therefore they are judged by God. And it says this, and this is the judgment that light has come into the world, Jesus, and the people love darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For every one who does wicked things, hates the light and does not come to the light lest his deeds are exposed. So light goes with right living before God and wickedness and evil deeds, darkness. 3:21. But whoever does what is true comes to the light. So light leads us to follow and obey God. And darkness leads us to believe lies, which leads us to reject God going against him and going our own way. Satan is the Prince of Darkness, the father of lies, he leads people away from God. Matthew Henry says this, Christ would cure this blind man because he came to be the light of the world not only to give light, but to give sight. To whom should we look? But to him? To whom should we look but to him? Which way should we turn our eyes but to the light? He points out in John 8:12. That's actually the first time Jesus says I am the light of the world. It's interesting where it falls, that comes immediately after the woman who's caught with an adultery. So you have just after they put down their rocks, which they would have used to stone the woman and Jesus tells her go and sin no more. Then he says I am the light of the world.

His light had shown in the hearts of these men with stones who were accusing the woman and Jesus exposed their own personal guilt. No, we don't know what he wrote in the sand in that story. Maybe it was the names of their girlfriends. Or maybe it was the 10 commandments. I don't know what it was, but it exposed their personal guilt. And he exposed their personal guilt in their own hearts. He said whoever is without sin cast the first stone. They put down their rocks and unable to throw them at this simple woman. That was light which exposes sin in the hearts of unbelieving men. Now Jesus proclaims again I am the light of the world and He will give sight to a blind man body and soul. first verse six. Having said these things he spat on the ground and made mud with his saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with mud and saliva and he said to him go wash what is wrong with that medically? but I cannot condone putting mud in your eye please do not do this at home. I take care of people with this kind of

thing and that's going to get you in I irrigation you're going to be underneath the water for a long time. I would never do this but God's ways they're not my ways. And you know, we're not allowed to spit on patience. At least not knowingly you know sometimes when you're talking there the little bit but but the mask the mask is going to stop that right sort of stops the spread of droplets. So so that's a point in favor the mask. It's not acceptable can't spit on patients, but this God he knows what he's doing exactly. And this is the only time Jesus heals using this exact method. Other times, we're not told how sometimes he touches the eyes of two blind men and, and heals. In Matthew 929. He told the man to wash in the pool Salaam, what this means sent. And it speaks of the one sent by God who is Jesus the Messiah, he is the sent one. He was the go and wash his muddy eyes in the pool, and there was not no healing or medicinal power in the water of the pool. But the man did is he was told and he was healed by God's power. The first time he a congenital illness and illness present from birth had been healed. The man even says this in verse 32. And we talked about the significance of that in the beginning, that it was not only the eye itself, but even the brain that had to be healed. At its connections, his ceiling occurred instantly and was complete. So the blind man went and washed and came back seeing for the first time ever, the neighbor and those who had seen him before as a beggar, we're saying, Is this not the man who used to sit and beg. And as a blind man, you must beg to put food on your table that was acceptable in those days, it was even commanded in the law. It was the social provision for the crippled and the disabled. He cannot wander through crowds to beg because it's blindness. Because of his blindness. He had to sit in one place. And his neighbors knew MC they, they were there he sat in the same place day after day, decade after decade, they knew the blind man that sat there that they gave money to the ceiling was not only a personal restoration, but this took a guy who was supported by the community and he would be able to go back to work. This helped the community and made it stronger. God's concerned about putting putting it all back together. Verse nine, some said it is him and others. The one I'm sorry, some said it is him. And others said the ones who did not believe it said he just looks like him. He can't be the man we know. So the former blind man settles it. And he keeps saying it. I am the man.

Now

being a beggar. It's not really something people aspire to, you know, it's not something you want to grow up to be a beggar. Right? And and he probably had a chance here he could have maybe pretended that he wasn't the man. He was somebody else. Not that beggar blind guy. But But he persists. It was me. It was degrading. He readily acknowledges his low position. And he continues to do that. I gotta love this guy. You know? He's a stand up kind of guy with his neighbors. And we're going to see later what the Pharisees he's a stand up kind of guy. I am the man. First and his neighbor say to him, then How were your eyes open? See, this is big news in the community. This doesn't happen every day, a blind man healed in our town. God must like us. He tells them the exact story. But notice he calls him Jesus, not the Lord, not the Messiah. He didn't know anything about Jesus. He may not have even seen Jesus. We're not sure from the context. until later, he was healed from physical blindness, but he did not have a saving relationship with the Lord. But he will. from verse 13, to 35. Here the Pharisees I'm going to briefly summarize this for you don't need to read through all that. The Pharisees basically are

interrogating people about this healing which happened on the Sabbath, verse 14, the Pharisees question the former blind man. They did not believe Jesus can be from God because He healed on the Sabbath. Can you imagine that? He's done that before. They asked the blind man what he thinks and he said, he's a prophet. The Jews did not believe the blind man was really blind. So they called his parents and his parents said, Yep, he was born blind. The Pharisees asked, so how does he see now and his parents probably know the answer to this but they're not going to answer it with these guys. They say my son is of age. You He's a dolt, you asked him. And so he gets called once again to the witness stand. And they call the former blind man, this time they turned, turn up the heat. You better give God glory and not lie to us. This man, Jesus, he's a sinner. He healed on the Sabbath. So what do you say? And the former blind man said, whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know that though I was blind. Now I see. They asked him again, how this happened. And he told people two times before, he sounds a little aggravated a little ticked off now, doesn't he? I've told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You also want to become his disciples. Hmm. I think he knew. I think this was an intentional jab. I think he knew that they did not want to be his disciples the way they were talking. They reviled him. And they're convinced that Jesus is not from God. They don't know where he comes from, but he certainly not from God. Verse 30, the former blind man said, this is an amazing thing. You do not know where he comes from. Yet he opened my eyes. Isn't it obvious? He's saying, isn't it obvious? He's from God? It's a signpost. Look at the signpost. It's like the billboard in Tom's yard. It's out there. It's like for everyone to see. Don't you get it? Verse 32. Never since the world began, has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a blind man? born blind. It's never happened. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. The Pharisees answered him. You were born in utter sin. There's that old doctrine coming back again that the disciples asked about St. Paul's teaching. And you would teach us and you would teach us in canning palpate, the arrogance in that statement. And they cast him out. Here's a guy who lived for decades in poverty. And he's sparring with the Pharisees.

God bless God's love makes people bold. He became bold. Because of what God had done for him. He was just miraculously healed. They should treat him kindly, but they hate what he stands for. They cast him out. Verse 35, Jesus was not far away, hear what had happened. And he goes after him. This is the great Shepherd going after a lost sheep. It's God initiating salvation. It's the father of the prodigal son running down the road to embrace his son. He comes after us. This is the light of the world bringing side again Jesus said, Do you believe in the Son of Man. And this is what God requires of all of us to believe in his son. For us, the life, the death, the resurrection of Jesus, we have to believe that we have to believe that we're sinners that were in need of his death for us. For the blind man, it was believing in the truth that God revealed because Jesus hadn't died. Yeah. The blind man is so honest here. You gotta love this guy. He is so humble and respectful. And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him. He's open. He trusts Jesus implicitly. He's ready to see. He knows from his experience that this is God's man. Verse 37, Jesus said to him, you've seen him and it is he was speaking to you. It's me. The blind man said, Lord, I believe he worshipped him. His spiritual eyes are open and he sees Jesus for who he is. And he understands he is God's Son, the Messiah. And the obvious response is adoration. he worships Him. Charles Spurgeon said, I would like to ask the people of God when

they're the happiest. my happiest moments are when I'm worshiping God really adoring the Lord Jesus Christ. It's the nearest thing here. To Heaven, were day without night they offer perpetual adoration to him that sits upon the throne and to the Lamb. That is worship. This former blind man has his spiritual eyes open and he's completely restored and body and soul. His heart is God's forever. And in this story up to this point, the Pharisees believe they are the judges of righteousness. But it's going to end right here. Verse 39, they're wrong. Jesus said, for judgment, I came into this world, that those who do not see me who do not see may see, that's this blind man he could not see. First, physically, then spiritually, and God healed him, made him so he could see. And those who may, who see they see themselves as right as whole as No need of a physician. They're righteous, they don't need any help from anyone else. He's going to make them blind, they're going to become blind, the Pharisees, those who see themselves as inherently righteous in this world. And us if we see ourselves that it's our good that's going to get us there. That's a blindness. Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things and said to him, Who me? What are you talking about? Are you talking about us? Are we blind? The structure of the question begs for a negative answer. Jesus said to them, if you were blind, you would have no guilt. If you saw yourselves as a need, you'd be able to be forgiven. But that's not the way it is. If you saw yourselves as spiritually bankrupt sinners, you'd be forgiven. But instead, you say, we see we have spiritual side and we're good. Your guilt remains. The first group is destined to spend eternity in the glorious light of heaven, Revelation 22, five, that's the blind man. The latter will be condemned to the horrifying darkness of eternal hell. That's what Jube Jude describes as the gloom of utter darkness forever. Verse 13,

the physical and spiritual healing of the blind man as a living parable, which illustrates Jesus ministry as the light shining, in a spiritually dark world. MacArthur says this, though the account of Jesus healing of a blind man beautifully illustrates the salvation process, blinded by sin. Second Corinthians four four says this. In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God. Last sinners have no capacity to recognize the Savior refined him on their own Romans 3:11. The blind man would not have been healed. And Jesus not saw him and revealed himself to him. So it is in salvation. If God did not reach out to us spiritually blind centers, every one of us. No one would be saved. Romans five, six and John 6:44, just as the blind man was healed, or I'm sorry, just as a blind man was healed only when he obeyed Jesus command and washed in the pool of Salaam. So, we also are saved only when we come humbly and obediently embracing the truth of the gospel. Thank God for His marvelous grace. We have to see ourselves as centers and believe and entrust our lives to Jesus. So for us believers, can we expand our spiritual sight? Can we get more? Like so? Yeah, we can see more of God. Ephesians one, Paul writes this, through prayer, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of your Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you a spirit of wisdom and have a revelation in the knowledge of Him. Here it is, having the eyes of your heart enlightened. So you pray, that your eyes would be further enlightened, you get more lights. through Scripture, we said, Your word is a light to my path. So we open it we see and learn about God and who he is what he'd have To do our we called the be lights. We are in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew five, verses 14 through 16. You are the light of the world. That's not talking to Jesus, that's Jesus talking to his disciples. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In order people light a lamp and put

it under a basket, but put it on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Does this speak of evangelism does. But it's interesting that it's based on character that they're doing good works before people they care about people around them. And this glorifies God. It's not forced. It's something we live out before people. We don't have to whip it up. But it's loving God and people good works naturally come but love is intentional, too, isn't it? Just like Jesus was intentional with this blind man. He didn't pass by he went to him intentionally. This gives us an ability to speak to people about God. And people are going to ask if you are with them, and you have a love for God. And for them. They're going to ask you about your faith. People will be open as they know you love them. Just God's light in our hearts affect our attitude towards sin. Yep, first down, one five through nine it says this. God is light. And in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him, and we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another in the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So how does God's light affect us towards sin? Are we more or less sensitive to it?

We're more sensitive to our sin. We own it, we confess it. We look forward. If we walk in the light to see as we love what is right and true, we'll be drawing near to God. But if we love darkness, we'll be rejecting God will be running away from him. So let's pray. Lord, we pray that you give us eyes to see more and more you, your son what you would have us to do we pray, we pray for to be able to see around us people in need and to be bold, to step out and help. They we worship and adore you today for who you are, are former blind men and women. Oh, we thank you for the gift of sight to be able to come to you to worship you to adore you that thank you for what you've done and opening our eyes. We thank you in Jesus name, amen.

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