The Power of Vision

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As you know, I have been speaking for the past few weeks dealing with breaking generational curses. The message today actually is a continuation of the message from last week because God showed me some things of how that message not only relates to the fourth curse, but it also relates to the first curse. I will be using the same initial Scripture but you will see something, just as I saw something that is different.

In John, the 9th Chapter beginning at the 6th Verse: “When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay and said unto him, ‘go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, ‘Is not this he that sat and begged?’ Some said, ‘This is he’: others said, ‘He is like him’: but he said, ‘I am he.’”

People, what I want you to understand is a major revelation that I had on this Verse that, related also to the first curse, the first curse being the lack of provision, the first curse that God enumerated as He outlined all of those curses in the 28th Chapter of Deuteronomy. The first curse and the one that He talked most about was the curse that had to do with provisions, of what we would call in modern terms, money. Here, we have heard this Verse so many times of how Jesus opened the blind man’s eyes and He did it, and how the blind man said in the end, “whereas I was blind, now I see.” We know that and we have heard that so many times, but there was another point of what Jesus did in this man’s life that has passed us by.

That what Jesus did is perhaps enumerated best in the 8th Verse of the 9th Chapter of John. “The neighbors, therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, ‘Is not this he that sat and begged?’ Jesus not only opened the man’s eyes, but after Jesus got through with him, he was no longer a beggar. He changed the man’s financial condition. I have never seen that. People, do not take this and run all over the world with this, “once I get anointed, I am going to be rich. I am going to be a millionaire.” He did not say that. He was no longer a beggar. He sat and begged, and after Jesus healed the man, they did not see him sitting and begging anymore. He changed the man’s financial condition.

In that day and age, they did not have handicap access. They did not have programs where if you could not work, you could go to the state. They did not have gray old machines. In that day and time, if you had no vision, you could not work. There was nothing you could do. Your only option was to sit and to beg alms from people and to say “please help me to get my food. Help me to get my clothing. Help me to survive in this world.” If you were blind, you had no option but to beg. When Jesus opened the man’s eyes, he was instantly transformed and he was no longer a beggar. We had missed that point.
When you have the spirit of the Holy Ghost on you, when you are truly walking with Jesus, you may not be rich by the world definition, but you will not be a beggar for anything. Sitting and begging, actually the Bible did not say what the man begged for. He was just a beggar because begging is in more areas than in the arena of money. Some of us are begging for love. “Please love me.” I never guessed in all my life, we get a relationship and we are hungry and we are begging the other person to love us and the world never responds too hot to beggars. In any area of life, the world never responds too hot to beggars. With begging sometimes for so much stuff, as a result, we end up with our tin cup with just a few pennies in it and never can get the thing filled up. We have got to change and open our eyes and change our vision. Once we do that, we will no longer be beggars in any area of our lives.

We beg for respect. “Please respect me.” People do not respect you and you have to beg for respect. It never works. That is something about it, because when we are blind, we are transformed into a beggar. But, when Jesus anointed the man’s eyes and the man could see, they came back and said “where is the man that was begging?” He was no longer begging.

There were three groups of people in Chapter 9 of the Book of John Verse9, some said “Some said, ‘This is he’: others said, ‘He is like him’: but he said, ‘I am he.’”

I speak to you today from the simple two-word-subject of “Eye am,” not the one word, letter “I,” but eye. “Eye am,” because you will be what you can envision yourself that you are. There will always be three groups of people. There will be some who will tell you who you are, “Some said, ‘This is he.’” There will be some who will tell you and try to define who you are and what you are supposed to be. They will tell you. Generally, whenever the world defines you, it is always less than what you can be. The world will tell you who you are. The world will tell you what you can do and what you cannot do. The world will tell you, “You cannot do this because ‘they will say, this is he.’ His daddy was not anything. He does not have an education. He is too short, half too nappy, skin too dark, he talks with a stutter, lip too big.”

Whatever it is, the world will say “this is he. He is not real good looking. He will never do that. He does not have the flare that the other folks have. He will never make it.” They will tell you, “this is he. This is you. This is me.” That is what they will tell you. The world will always be in one of those three categories. Number one, because they will always try to define who you are and what you were supposed to be. Whenever the world decides you, you will always be less than what you can be. Number one, because they will always define you within the framework of what they know. They will always define you within their vision and within their experience, and what you may have to do, they may have never even thought of and
much less experienced. They may have never had a loving relationship, so how can they define you and what your relationship will be. They may never had a situation of where they have had an extra-month rent in advance and they had always been on the constant financial pressure of eviction, so how can they ever define your prosperity. They will always define you within their vision and within what they had experienced and, what they had experienced may not be where you are supposed to go. “This is he. This is her.”

The next group says, “He is like him.” People will tell you what you are supposed to be like. So much about behavior is based on us trying to live up to a number of persons’ expectation. As a result, we get all frustrated because we are living someone else’s vision. We are blind and someone else is leading us around into their vision. That is why I always tell you even about leadership. There is nothing wrong with following someone else as long as they are going where you want to go. Often times, I am like that myself. There are some things and there are some places I have not bee but I want to go to. As a result, I will get a guide because there are some places I do not know the route to. There are some places that I have been that I needed a guide because I did not know, but I knew they had and I knew they were going where I wanted to go. Whenever you are going out into a wilderness, into a place where you are blind, if your eyes are not opened, you need to get somebody who can see.

When I was learning how to fly a plane, I got me a gold-certified flight instructor. I did not get somebody with the same knowledge I had. We would have crashed. I needed someone who knew where they were going, someone who had experienced enough, they could read the instruments, and they could fly in a cloud when you could not see anything. I had to ask someone with vision. I could probably learn from the person because they knew where they were going. I said, “This man has the skill and has the proficiency that I want, therefore, I can follow him.” Whenever you are going to get somebody to take you anywhere and if you are going to follow someone, make sure they are where you want to go. That is why Jesus said “the blind leading the blind, and you both fall into a pit.” He sat and he begged and some said, ‘This is he’: others said, ‘He is like him’: but he said, ‘I am he.’

When Moses was there on the mountain and he asked God, “who shall I have sent me?” He said, “I am that eye am.” We need to understand the “eye am” portion. It has both power of elevation and power of destruction. Because, if we do not understand the right “eye” and if we do not see clearly, it will lead us to the wrong direction. Sometimes, we are focused on that single letter “I.” As a result, everything we do and everything we say is “I” “me” “mine” and everything is so focused on “I.” That is why even in the word “pride” and even in the word “sin,” the very root in the middle of the both of them is the word “I.”
We have too much egocentric stuff. But, when you understand and when you open and you see real vision, you will understand that it is not you and it is not all about you. The higher up you go even in the natural, the more you can see. When you are down low, all you can see is that which is immediately around you. The lower you go: if you go in a hole, you can see hardly anything but just the walls and stuff. The higher you go: if you go up on a mountain, you can see the full scope of things. Often times with our limited vision, because we do not spiritually understand some things, we will believe that everything is focused and everything is centered just on “I,” and it is not so. Jesus opened the man’s eyes so that he could have vision and he was able to change his circumstances that he was no longer a beggar.

This is not the only case. I want you to turn over to Mark, Chapter 10 because I want you to read something and I want you to see something that is critical. As we understand it, we must realize we have got to have vision. I am the power of vision. You got to have vision to get out of situations and to go anywhere you want to go. You got to have vision with anything in life that you want to do. You need to be able to see it and whatever you can get to the part of where you can get your eyes on, you can start there. Mark Chapter 10, beginning at the 46th Verse.

Mark 10:46, “And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.”

What was he doing? Sitting and begging, the same as the other blind man. Blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, ‘Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.’ And many charged him that he should hold his peace.”

They charged him and said, “Shut up, man!”

“But he cried the more a great deal, ‘Thou son of David, have mercy on me.’ And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.”

Blind Bartimaeus sat by the highway sitting and begging because he had no vision. Even in proverbs, the Bible said “and the people, for the lack of vision, perished.” Where there is no vision, the people perished. When you do not have fight, you will sit by the fight of the road throughout your life begging for everything. That is not
God's way. God's people are providers. They give alms to the other folks who are begging. That is the reason why we sit by the side of the road. That is the reason why blindness was the number one illness that Jesus cured. More than any other thing, Jesus opened open blind eyes. When we can learn those principles, we will get out vision restored. When you get vision, when you can learn the “eye am” principle, you have the power of vision.

I want you to see something, even beginning in that 49th Verse of that 10th Chapter of Mark. “And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called.” Read this because I want you to see this. The 49th Verse of that 10th Chapter of the Book of Mark is a critical point. “And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called.” And then, it says, “And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.”

It did not say they called him but that had no “-ed.” Call is a present tense verb. Called is a past tense. When I saw that and I looked at it, I said “that is grammatically incorrect.” It should have been “and they called the blind man.” It did not say that. It said, “they call.” Look at it in your Bible. That is why, sometimes, even the very versions, the NIV has the word “called” but King James Version uses “call” and 90% of occasions when there are variations between versions, the NIV is more correct when comparing it against the original Hebrew and Greek. But, this is the second instance that I have found where the King James Version actually means truer to what they actually said. There was no “-ed” on it. “They call the blind man.” Right now, the disciples, “they call the blind man.” Not in the past, but right now you are being called. You do not have vision. You cannot see your way out. You do not know what you are going to do and you are sitting on the side of the road begging. You are being called right now, not 2,000 years ago, right now. “They call the blind man.”

They told him three things and he was required to do three things. That is the way you are always find it in the word of God. God will tell you some, but we will tell you some. You have to do something with it. It is never going to come in the word of God. It is going to come to you and you just sit there by the side of the road begging. He will tell you something and you got to do something with what He tells you. People want to hear from a God. They want to hear from the Lord and then, when God will speak to them, they do not want to do anything. That is the problem. That is why in the Bible, start speaking up directly. Yet, when He talked to him, everybody wanted to hear from the Lord. When you really start hearing from the Lord, the Lord will tell you some stuff. Number one: that will be uncomfortable for you to do because when you start hearing from Him, He is going to tell you to do somethings that is going to change some stuff. But, we do not want to hear that. They told him three things and he has to do three things.
They said, “Do not worry.” That was the first thing that they told him. “Be of good comfort,” which in essence, in modern vernacular, simply means “do not worry.” People, do not worry. They said, “They of good comfort, be comforted, be not apprehensive, do not worry.” Too many of our problems and so many of our situations in life just have us worried to death. Like Jesus said, “Why worry? You do not have the power to change one hair on your head from whites to black, but you have the power to change it from black to white.” Because, worrying, it will gray you. It will tear you down. “Be of good comfort.” He is sitting down on the side of the road begging, hollering for Jesus, and the first words that come “Be comforted. Stop worrying.”

When we look, we get into this mentality. First of all, we are soaking in all of the stuff and the world is full of worries. We are watching the news everyday. We catch the morning news, and then we catch the afternoon news, and now they got news that come on 10 minutes after the hour, 15 minutes. We are catching all these news and all this stuff is doing nothing but putting worry in your mind, because what it does, it takes every negative situation all over the globe. It is always horrible stuff that is happening. It takes up the most horrible stuff all over the world, convinces it, distills it down, and puts it in your mind in the space of 5 minutes. How can you not be worrying after looking at that all day long?

It has taken all of the mess and dumps all of it. They do not tell you the good stuff. They will have some news that is 30 minutes. They will spend 25 minutes on all of the negative stuff and 2 minutes on some good stuff. So, you got 25 minutes of all this mess. How in the world do you expect not to be worried? That is why I would not watch the news and I do not even read headlines, just to stop the agony. They do not care. It is not balance of the world, there are negative and positive. It is not so much that the newscasters are evil, but they give folks what they want to hear. Most church folks will no really trip their ears up for good news. I am talking about church folks. I am not talking about the world. Most church folks will not really stop in their tracks for good news. But, you will stop, back up and say “what did you say?”

All that the news people are doing is delivering what the mess already with roots. They are not bad, they are not evil, they just know that if they got “a triple murder, man-slain, wife-slain, children killed themselves” and details at 11, there will be no folk who will ride in at 11. But if they put on the news, “man takes care of family, man brings wife roses everyday, man is model husband. Details at 11,” folks will go to Channel 5 and not Channel 11. They are going where the murder is. They know that. This is geared for the world. That is why is say if you ever, ever, ever want to be elevated, you cannot be traditional because tradition is the 6:00 news full of mess. First thing the disciples told him, “Do not worry. Stop all of your concerns about all of this stuff. It is going to pass away anyway. Do not worry. Be of good comfort.”
Second thing that the disciples told the man was “Rise.” The first one was a change of spirit, but the second one was an action. Be of good comfort, do not worry, but God just does not tell you not to worry and just sit there. He will always tell you to do something. He will always tell you to do something to move you out of your situation. If you do not know where your box of situation, but instead of just sitting there because He is just going to tell the man was living, the man had clothes, and they were giving the man food. He could have said, “look, you have your health and everything but your eyes. You got food. You got clothing. Just sit there and do not worry. Let us go on about this.” No, He said “do not worry but,” He said “rise.” That is an action and in the midst of whenever we are sitting by the highway begging, though we need to learn how not to worry, we need to get up. You got to get up and do something.

If ever you want to really get your situation changed, you got to get up. We need to pray. We need to be on our knees and we have to do a whole lot of praying, but you got to get up. You have got to get up. We have got one of the most elegant prayer rooms that I have ever seen anywhere, up on the third floor. Magnificent! You could do some great praying, but you cannot live your life in that prayer room. You got to come out of that prayer room. You got to come out of that prayer room. You got to get in the work room. Some of you got to get in the kitchen. Some of you all got some work to do in the bedroom. You cannot do everything in the prayer room.

Everything cannot be done in the prayer room. You got to get up off your knees sometime. You got to rise. You got some work to do in some of the other rooms. Prayer is important. Prayer is the beginning. I start off my day in prayer. I end my day in prayer. But, I got a lot in between those two. If I stayed in my prayer room all day long, it would not be long when I would be getting an eviction out of my prayer room, if I never came out of it. You have got to rise and say “get up man!” Do not worry, but get up. That is why you got to understand the pattern that Jesus took people through because some of them were just the “do not worry” part. We never get up. We sit at the side of the road all of our lives try and see that is a facade. Come any time, you are begging and you are worrying. Sometimes, I hear people get right around the corner and giving to the people and crying “Lord, have mercy.”

For us, the facade was opened. You got to get up because begging is never a comfortable position ever. Do not worry, get up, and the final thing is to keep calling Him. “Keep calling me.” When you get up, you got to know where to go when you get up. “Keep calling me.” That is direction. You have got to know where to go when you get up. That is a part of vision. The blind man could get up, but he did not know where to go. He never lacked the power to stand. He lacked the power to see. In so many of us, we are strong but we just do not know where to go. We lack vision, not strength. But vision is far greater than strength because visionary will always
control folks who are strong so they can see and they know where they are going. That is what we have to have. We have to get our eyes opened just in some of the things of life. They told him to do three things. Do not worry, get up, and keep calling.

They told him three things, and then, the man did three things. The first thing that he did, and that is in Verse 50 of Mark Chapter 10, “And he, casting away his garment.” Whatever he had on, he first cast away, his garment. You will say, “What kind of sense does that make? The Bible will try to tell you something because, even a beggar of clothes are a certain way. Do you know that you look a certain way when you are out begging? He said, “Casting away his garment.” It is just like when God put His mantle on the Prophet Elijah. It was done through a cloak. It was done through a robe. He said, “There was a garment. There was a robe. There was a mantle of the beggar, a spirit of the beggar, if you will. He said he cast away his garment.

If you ever want to get anywhere in life or change or make a search, you got to cast away some stuff that is on you right now. The certain spirit, they just reside on you. They just do. In every area of where you are begging, if you are begging for love, there is a certain spirit on man and women that sometime they just make you hop and just get somebody. Do you know what I am talking about? It is the spirit. It has nothing to do with looks. Some folks, they get married and they bust up and they got a lovely person to remarry in three months and they bust up again. How in the world they keep getting all these folks and I cannot even get one? Whatever it is, they have a spirit about them that they can gravitate and get folks. They may be getting it wrong and that is another spirit to deal with entirely. They have a spirit in all scenes that will either attract or repel and there is a spirit of a beggar. He cast off the garments. He cast off the mantle.

When you do that, the first thing that cloths you and even the spirit of the beggar is what you say. Do you know that beggars talk different than rich folks? Get around them and you will see. They just talk to you. The first thing you will ever need to do when you ever cast off the garment because you would have to change your wording which is the main thing that you will be covered with. You will be covered with your own words. When you cast off, listen to the way that you talk if you are in bad shape, just listen to your conversation about things and you will find that beggars talk like beggars. They talk about all of the things in life that has got them down. A rich man can be in the same financial condition of the beggar. A beggar will talk about all of the things that got him down. A rich man will talk about the thing that is going to get him up.

They are both in the same situation, but one of them will be coming out because he is talking and focusing and looking at the things that are going to bring him up and the other is going to be at the side of the road sitting by the highway for the rest of
his life because all he is talking about are the things that has got him down.
Whatever you talk about, those things you give power to. Do you know that you even had instances of where you even had some hurting on your body? As long as you talk about it and as long as you thought about it, that thing hurts. But, when your mind gets distracted, you forget about the pain. Pain, then, goes wherever you go and you come back to the point that “I forgot it even hurt.” I never will forget my mother when she would tell us the story of where she had sprained her ankle as a little girl. She was standing in the house and she could not walk on the ankle and all she does is to sit down. She could never walk on the ankle. She was sitting in the house and all of a sudden, somebody ran in and said there is a house down the street on fire. My mother got up and ran down the street. When she got there, as she rested, she said, “oh my goodness! I forgot my ankle was sprained.”

The focus went off of the thing that was aching. When the focus left it, the pain left it. That is one of the things that happen. When you focus on all of the pain and suffer, we are focused on what has got us down instead of what can lift us up because we are blind to the things of high and the eyes are opened to the things of low. Therefore, all that we can see are the things that have us down. It gives them power to keep us down. First, he cast off his garment and the disciples did not even tell him to do that. Second, he rose. Third, he came to Jesus. The power of vision, we have got to do in every area of our life. The areas where we are beggars sitting, we have got to learn the principles to get the real power of vision and to understand what “eye am” means, not what other folks say we are, not what some say we are, but what we know we are. You will gravitate to whatever you think you are.
Whatever you believe you are, regardless of what the world has around you, you will gravitate exactly to that.

When you understand that you are a child of God, when you really understand it and I am not talking about just talking, when you really understand that, and when you really understand what your inheritance is, when you really understand who your daddy is, first of all, you are going to understand to do what your daddy says. That is one thing, that I had an awesome earthly father. I understood who my father was, but I knew what to do what my daddy said. I knew if I did not do what my daddy said, I had a serious situation on my own head. I knew that. If you really believe that you are a child of God, you got to, first of all, know who your daddy is. And, when you know who your daddy is, you know who you are. But, you also know you got to do what daddy says. We had great people who had succeeded in life and they did not have an actual vision, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Helen Keller, all the most famous people, they were blind as a bat but they achieved great heights. They had no physical vision but they had spiritual vision. Spiritual vision is always far greater than physical.

This message is not about money. It is not about when the anointing of Jesus comes on you, you are going to become a millionaire. Do not get that twisted up in there.
You will leave from being a beggar. You will get off sitting at the highway with your tin cup out. When you get vision, it will change those areas of your life. It will change your relationship. When you know what it is supposed to be like, it will change your relationship. Sometimes our relationships are messed up because we, in our thoughts, see what your life the way it is supposed to be, blind and you have not vision of what the thing could be.

Even when we got plenty of money, in Revelation 3:17, you do not have to turn there, it says “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” It said that even though you got all of the money in the world, still, you are poor, you are blind, and you are naked because you do not have real vision of the things on high, the power of vision. You see in the first answers of where Jesus anointed the man’s eyes with the spittle clay, He did not tell the man to do all those things. He gave him a command or a prophecy telling him where his blessing was and to go get it. He slapped the mud on his eye and said, “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.”

Sometimes when we learn just even where our blessing is, we can go get it. But you got to know, first of all, where your blessing even is. You got to know where it is. We can get where our blessing is, when we can get our direction in life and what we are supposed to do. I was counseling a person this week who is not a member of the Arc and most of the people I counsel are not even a member of this church. They came to me and they said they had been watching the Arc broadcast and my brother Dale’s broadcast on television. They said they knew that they needed to leave the church where they were because there was a lot of turmoil in their church. But, they said, “I am torn. I do not know, Pastor, what I am going to do to come to your church. I do not know when I am supposed to go to your brother, Dale’s church. Then, it went to pull up situation after situation after situation ever going on in my life. The spirit of God just spoke to me.” I told her, “You are supposed to be at my brother, Dale’s church.” She broke down and just started crying because she said “I was driving along and I am praying to God where to go and as I looked up, there was a billboard with your brother on it. You have just confirmed where I am supposed to go.”

Then, they went to tell me all of the other stuff and I stopped them right there and said, “Wait a minute. God, right now, is not telling me anything else. As a matter of fact, I am getting confusion.” I said, “The one thing that has been made clear to you, do that first.” Sometimes, we want a panoramic vision up on the mountain and God has given us a vision of a staircase and we would not climb the stairs. I said, “I do not know about all these other five or six things you have just poured out, but I know about that one.” I said, “Do that first. Do not let detain you. You get there, you sit under that ministry, you learn. You go twice a week, not once. You get there and you do that first. Then, other things will be laid out to you. Do not do it all over spring all at one time. You will end up not doing any of it. Do that what has been
made clear to you first.” Sometimes, as we are given vision, we are not given the complete vision. We are sometimes given a piece of the thing. We have got to learn how to handle the piece, and sometimes vision will even come from someone that you are sitting under.

I never will forget we were in a meeting and there was a gentleman there. He was saying that he had a dream, that he wanted to have $10 million so he could do so much for the kingdom of God and this $10 million was his goal but he was a beggar sitting by the highway at the time. I told him, “your $10 million-vision is good, but you get $1,000 first because if you talk about that $10 million, you will never get it because you cannot put your finger on that $10 million. That $10 million leads it all up to somebody else. That $1,000 puts it in your lap because I got news for you. That $10 million will be in your lap too. But, you get the $1,000 first. You realize you got to get $1,000 before you are going to get $10 million, do you not?” “Yes.” I said, “You get $1,000 first.”

Sometimes there is nothing wrong with having big grande vision, but we have to handle things one step at a time. To every major vision, you got to step by step by step even when it looks like it comes all of a sudden, when you really know the background to get it. It appears that way to the world, but if you ever know the people, that thing is a step by step by step process. First thing you got to do is cast off a lot of all these old garments, all that all stuff you have been wearing, so you can get up and get to Jesus and get you some sight and get out from the side of the highway. You will learn that thing as vision and as you learn, you see certain things.

Jesus told the first man, He asked Bartimaeus “what is it that I should do under you?” He said, “I want to see, man. I need my sight. I need to see something.” That is another principle. If you do not know what you want, how are you going to get it? Vision must be defined. It must be clear. That is why even at the beginning of the year, even the vision that I had from the Arc and the things that we are to do, I had it written down and clear. That is not the ultimate goal, but that is for this year. You got to do something right now. That is not the ultimate goal. That is for this year. Next year will have its own goal, but that is a step. Some of the stuff is small.

My brother, James who is the new minister of the youth, said “we need to get a computer department.” I said, “How many computers do you want to set a goal for 2000?” He said, “Three.” My mother looked at the goal. She said, “That is a mighty tall goal. We ought to have 30 computers at a bear minimum. We need 30.” The leader said three and she said “we need 30.” He said, “We need three.” “30.” “Three.” “30.” “30.” He said three because number one, he got his third baby coming in. He knows what he can handle. He said, “It is going to be a job getting the three going with a third baby.” It was a beginning. It is better for you to set a goal that you can reach that will get you started than to have a $10 million-goal that you
know good and well that you are not going to reach, but it sounds good. That is the first key to go set it. It is a set of goal that you know you can reach. That is not where you are going to end up.

When I started my business, I went to my mother and I told my mother “this is the goal that I have that I am going to do in this business every month. Mother, do you remember what you told me?” “I remember.” My mother said, “That is a lie. You are not going to make that.” Normally, that is not my mother’s mode of speech. Normally, my mother would tell her sons “you could do anything,” but to go from starting, from where I was, was so ridiculous. I said “mother, I am going to do this thing.” That is why is say you are always have the three groups and, mother, there is no greater support in the world.” She has boosted her sons beyond where they ever dreamed they could go. But, in that answer, my mother said “You cannot do that.” I said, “That is what I am going to do. That is what I am. That is what I can see.” We let that go.

As a matter of fact, as of right now, we are four times that goal. I got a new goal that is 10 times my original goal. We got to that vision and now we are going beyond that, but you are going to get to the first step. Some of us just want to hop from the bottom all the way up to the top. You have got to take in steps, the power of vision. When you can get your eyes opened about any of the areas of life that you are sitting by the side of the road begging, it will instantly change you from being a beggar. What I want you to do today is that we are going to have a special anointing service on the eyes of people for the opening of vision. Just as blind Bartimaeus when Jesus asked him, “what shall i do unto you?” you need to know what area you need vision in. I do not want anyone to say “right now, I need more money.” That is, often times, the first thing that people would say. “If I can just get more money.” I have never met anyone ever where money was their problem. You are saying, “What? Preacher, what kind of folks have you been hanging around?” I will repeat it. I have never met anyone where money was their problem. I will admit, plenty of people have had money problems, but I have never met anyone where money was the real root of the problem. Money was a symptom that they would mess up. They were sitting at the side. Even the beggar, his problem was not money. His problem was vision. Because he had no vision, he could get no money except for that that was going in the tin cup. His problem was not money. His problem was vision.

I say to anyone now who sees that as their problem, “money is not your problem. Your problem is vision. If you can get vision, you can get anything else in your life, if you can truly see it.” That is even a worldly principle that works among ungodly folks. The Mafia, God is gold and sometimes they can see themselves taking over karats and because they can see it, they do it. It is a principle that even works among ungodly folks. Its final proof and its final end maybe destructive, but they
can get their goal because it is a principle that if you can see it, vision can be opened.

What I want you to do, for those of you that would be made well, I want you to take out a piece of paper, write on it the area that you need vision in. But, do not put “I need more money.” This is a voluntary thing. That is why when Jesus asked a man lying by the pool who said “what thou be made holy?” said, “do you want to get well?” Sometimes we do not want vision. Sometimes we are comfortable where we are. Sometimes we are comfortable sitting by the fight of the road begging. There are some out on the street right now that you cannot take them off of the street because they do not want to get off of the street. You cannot give them a job because they do not want a job. Some people are comfortable in the dark.

Do you not understand that when we are conceived in the womb, our hearing will develop before our eye sight? As a fetus there in the womb, in the abiotic fluid there in the belly of our birth, we will start to hear things long before we will see them. There are some things right now if you can feel it in your spirit, you can hear it, but you cannot see it. Even a baby comfortable in the darkness, left up to the baby, would never leave. We have to be thrust out through the pain and through the agony of birth in order to give real vision to the seed that is planted. Write down the things. The ministers, we are going to anoint and lay hands on the paper and then put the paper on your eyes. I am not going to spit on you because I do not know how you are going to take that.

This is your vision and you are writing down your particular area of blindness. You know what you need. Just like Jesus, “what shall I do unto thee?” Bartimaeus said “I need my sight.” You know what you need, I do not. But, one thing in the value of writing the thing down does, some of you have never thought about it or even identify what you need. All you know is you are sitting by the side of the road begging, but you really do not know why. If you stop and right now just look at why, and it is not because of lack of money and if you look at why, you start to see some things crystalizing in your vision really about why. It is that thing that you need vision to open your eyes that you may see your way clearly. I am the power of vision.

I do not want you to turn the cassette tape off. Normally, we would stop the cassette tape. I want the tape to continue running all the way to the end of the service. I am going to leave the microphone on. Because, some of you here know someone that you need to give a tape to of today’s message. As the anointing goes forth, as the people even listen to the tape, as those that will listen to this streaming over TheOnLineWord from the internet, as you even listen to the anointing, do not cut the tape off now. Do not turn your internet connection off now. Listen and just close your eyes and imagine the touch because God’s spirit is big. You do not have to be here to get the anointing. You can hear it over tape and some will even hear it over
the internet or watch it on television. An area of the blindness in your life will start to open. God wants His people to see. Where there is no vision, the people perish.

For all those who have written down an area in your life, one area, pick the one thing first. Some of you have a league of player full of stuff. Pick the one thing, so if you have got several things, get another piece of paper. One thing, be specific. I would love to pick everything in my life. I want this thing. I want this thing. I want this thing. One thing, there is always one thing that would root back to that. There is one thing. Elijah preached Friday. In his testimony was one thing, that he pleased God. Your one thing maybe you are not pleasing God and from that one thing, will come in longitude. A multitude of curses, write down one thing that you need vision for in your life. As you write the thing, take it and break it. Tear it into two pieces. We are going to put one piece on each eye. It is symbolic. Whatever thing that has you in binding and has you bound and has you blinded, take it and break it. We will put the thing over your eye and pray for the anointing of vision, that you may see your way clearly and that you may have power of vision.

Brother Ivan, if you would just play softly. And, if you would simply arise now, ministers will come and join me as we just pray and anoint the paper and place the paper on the eyes of the people. Keep the tape running. For those of you who are listening to the tape right now do not shut it off. Listen to every single word of anointing. You may hear it 50 times, but let it go into your spirit 50 times and see your spiritual eyes opening with the situation that you have written.

There are some garments that you know dealing with the one thing, there are some habits, there are some things and I just want you to symbolically cast it off of you. Take it and cast it off. Cast off the garments of the thing that has been the mantle that has kept you in darkness with this thing. If you would, simply just start coming around. Go to the outer walls and come out. We are going to go straight down the center, almost like making a cross itself as we pray for the anointing of vision. If you would, just come and each one of us will anoint. We can handle three people at a time. Neither one of us has any special power or ability. This is the spirit of God and the Holy Ghost that operates upon this day.

Dear Father, we pray. Anoint him right now. Open his eyes, the power of vision, in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray right now for the anointing of vision. Dear Father, that they shall see they way out of this plan and the leap year. Father, we pray right now for the anointing of vision. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray right now for the anointing of spiritual vision. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.
In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray for the anointing of spiritual vision. Dear Father, open the eyes right now. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray right now for spiritual vision, dear Father, that they may see the plan and see Your will clearly. Dear Father, in the name of Jesus, open blinded eyes. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray for spiritual vision, for the opening of blinded eyes in areas where there is darkness and no clear direction. We pray right now for spiritual vision that Thy will may be seen. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Dear Father, for spiritual vision that she may see Your will and Your way in this area. Dear Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray right now that eyes be opened. In the name of Jesus we pray right now for clear spiritual vision and direction, that he may be able to see Your will and Your way. We pray right now that blinded eyes be opened. In the name of Jesus, we pray. In the name of Jesus, let eyes be opened. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray right now that as a symbolism, dear Father, that this thing is broken right now, that he should be able to see the way clearly, that he should be able to see Your will and able to see Your way. From this point, eyes shall be open and he shall never sit by the highway begging on this thing again. We pray in the name of Jesus let eyes be opened. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray right now that eyes be opened, that spiritual vision be granted right now. Dear Father, that this thing shall be forever broken right now. Dear Father, she shall be able to see clearly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. In the name of Jesus, let eyes be opened.

In the name of Jesus we pray right now, dear Father, that the spiritual vision be granted right now as crooked way be made straight right now, in the name of Jesus. I see green all around me. It does not relate necessarily to money, but it relates to fruit and it relates to harvest. It relates to bear some things that will grow in your life. There are some things that are going to grow in your life. God is ready right now to prosper to some areas. There are some things that are going to grow in your life. It shall be lush and it shall be green. God says open your eyes and see it, it shall be. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.
In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray right now that this thing that has been reaped, that has been torn in two, dear Father, we pray right now that it shall never be put back together again, that the symbolism of this thing being ripped and torn in two that it shall stay separated and shall never get back together again and shall be cast out of her life forever. We pray right now, dear Father, that eyes be opened, that she shall no longer sit by the side of the road begging, but eyes be opened that from this day, dear Father, you shall show her a path in your way and your will. She shall no longer be called in this area of beggar. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. In the name of Jesus, let eyes be opened. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray, dear Father. In the name of Jesus we pray for spiritual vision. I am seeing the path that God wants you to go. There are some flyers, some phone, there are some things that will straight cut and make you bleed, but it is the path that you must go and I pray right now that God opens your eyes that you may see. It is the path that you will have some turmoil, but on the other side is your salvation. On the other side is the lush. On the other side is the peace. On the other side is the promise. Be prepared for the vision that God will open you up to for there is to struggle to reach the goal. Be prepared but simply know that the goal is on the other side of the brown grass. In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray for a vision right now to be opened up unto her in the name of Jesus, Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray right now, let this thing that has torn in two be no more. God, with this thing, take it, ball it up, and throw it in the trash and He will show you the way clear that it shall be no more. Take this thing and ball it up. I have no idea what it is. Take this thing, ball it up, and throw it in the trash when you leave this place. Do not leave here with it. Whatever it is, we pray right now in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, grant her the vision, dear Father, that she shall see how to walk away and leave this thing totally and leave it upon Your shoulders and in this place that it shall be no more. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Just hearing God just saying to you in 24, it will be no more. In 24, it will be no more. I do not know what it means, 24 hours, 24 days, or 24 months. But, in 24, it will be no more. There are some things that you have been struggling with and God says, in 24, it will be no more. God, I pray right now that You grant him the vision. Grant him the vision, dear Father, to see the way clearly that this thing shall be no more. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus we pray, let her have clear vision, dear Father. God is simply saying there is an area that you have been worried even concerning some relatives of yours. He says do not worry about the blood. He will give you vision that will transfer unto them. He will give you vision that will even transfer unto them. Dear Heavenly Father, open her eyes and let her see clearly with vision. In Thy son, Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
In the name of Jesus, God says that this thing just do some more tearing up on it right now, just do some more tearing up on it, just tear it up, tear up all the pieces. He says He wants you to take the thing that you have been wrestling with. Take the thing and destroy it, tear it up so much that it is not even recognizable, that no man could even put it back together again. Tear it up to so many pieces that it is not even possible to put it back together again. Just tear it up to nothing, like confetti until there is nothing but just itibity pieces that is impossible to put back together. Destroy it, shred it, and make it no more that it shall not be. Right now, we pray. In the name of Jesus, as I anoint your eyes right now, dear Father, we pray for vision that she shall see how this thing she torn up shall be shredded, shall not be able to be put back together by any man just like Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall and had a great fall that none of the king’s horses and none of the king’s men could put this thing back together again. In the name of Jesus, dear Father, right now, it is torn up. It is destroyed, dear Father. Dear Father, grant her the vision that she shall sleep that it is solved. In Thy son, Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, dear Father, we pray right now. I hear God speaking to singleness of vision. We pray right now, dear Father, to grant him that singleness of vision that he shall see the past and the one direction that you want him to go in, dear Father, singleness of vision. In Thy son, Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

I hear the Lord speaking to me and simply saying tell them as they see to do, as you see, there will be some things opening up in your vision. But, vision is no good, unless they are your vision. As you see it, as your eyes are opened, you reach.

We are going to end the service. As of right now, there will be no call to salvation because it will be opened next week. There will be no call to membership. It will be here next week. You are not going to get unsaved between now and next week. But He simply wants you now to open eye in that one area that you had written on that broken piece of paper. For some, get a copy of this tape and there is someone you know that is sitting by the side of the road begging and they need to hear this message upon this day. If they listen to it all the way through, that anointing that appear in person will even flow on them through a tape or through the internet.

Close your eyes. Close them. As of right now with your eyes closed, you can see the light but you cannot see what the light is illuminating. You know it is there, but because there is a blockage, you cannot see what the light is illuminating. Now open your eyes and you can see clearly. It is what God wants to do with you and the spirit. Stand to your feet and come across the isle.

[Song 01:11:32-01:12:40]
Let us pray. Lord, bless us this day. Thank you, Holy Lord, for giving us vision form up above. Lord, we thank you that even in Your word, oh Lord, you healed more cases of blindness that any other in infirmity will. Thank you, oh Lord, You want Your people to see, oh Lord, more than anything else, oh Lord. We thank you, oh Lord, for opening up our eyes, oh Lord. Thank you, oh Lord, for in Thy word piercing even our two eyes, oh Lord. There is only one vision, oh Father. We thank you, oh Father, for putting the word, oh Lord, as we get up and come to you, oh Father. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

[Song 01:13:35-01:14:09]

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