



3 TRUTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND FAITH THAT SEES

NO AMOUNT OF EVIDENCE WILL CONVINCE THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND.

Mark 8:11-13 (NLT) When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had arrived, they came and started to argue with him. Testing him, they demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.¹² When he heard this, he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why do these people keep demanding a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, I will not give this generation any such sign.”¹³ So he got back into the boat and left them, and he crossed to the other side of the lake.

Matthew 12:38-41 (NLT) One day some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority.”³⁹ But Jesus replied, “Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign; but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah.⁴⁰ For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.⁴¹ “The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

TEMPORARY BLINDNESS LIMITS FAITH AND EMPOWERS OUR FLESH.

Mark 8:14-21 (NLT) But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. ¹⁵ As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod." ¹⁶ At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn't brought any bread. ¹⁷ Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "Why are you arguing about having no bread? Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in?" ¹⁸ "You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear? Don't you remember anything at all?" ¹⁹ When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?" "Twelve," they said. ²⁰ "And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?" "Seven," they said. ²¹ "Don't you understand yet?" he asked them.

JESUS FOCUSES OUR VISION AND STRENGTHENS OUR FAITH.

Mark 8:22-26 (NLT) When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they

begged him to touch the man and heal him. 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?"

²⁴ The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." ²⁵ Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."