

# The Introduction



**Matthew 6:22-23**

We are beginning a new series this year called 20/20 Vision in 2020. I want to make sure you understand when we strive for 20/20 vision it does not mean we have perfect vision. So if you go to an ophthalmologist and he tells you that you have 20/20 vision it does not mean you see perfectly. That just means you're normal. If you don't have 20/20 vision, you don't have the ability to see what normal people with normal eyes have the ability to see at 20 feet. However, we want to play off of that for the whole year, so that every day of this year we strive as a church to have 20/20 vision in 2020.

Let me tell you what will happen this year for some of us, or most of us. There will probably be a time when we won't agree with a loved one in our life. We will try to come into agreement, but find we're not going to be able to agree. Then toward the end of that conversation, somebody will say something like this, "Well, I guess we just don't see eye to eye." You might be talking to someone and you are trying to explain your position about something, and they are going to say, "Well, I just don't see that the

way you see that." There will be a time you see a friend or family member get ready to do something that you know is not going to be right. You're going to try to talk to them about it and they're not going to listen because they don't see what you see. Then you're probably going to say, "I wish you could see what I see." Now, some of us are going to be in relationships and you're going to get so aggravated with some of those people that you're probably going to blurt out, "Are you blind?" Isn't it amazing how sometimes you see something so clearly, and it might be a spouse or our children, a parent or grandparent, your boss, your partner in business, or your very best friend, but you just don't see it the same. Here is what I want to challenge you with. In the year 2020, let's all strive for 20/20 vision in 2020.

We're going to open to Matthew chapter 6. This is only an introduction this morning, which means I won't preach as I normally do where we just open a passage of Scripture and exegete it. We're going to be pulling a lot of scriptures, going a lot of places.

## **Scripture**

***"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"***

(Prayer)

Father, we ask You to please anoint us with Your anointing that can only come from You. That anointing, that the third person of the triune godhead, You bring to us because You live in us. Open our eyes to truly see what You want us to see. It is our prayer that You desire for each one of us to have 20/20 vision in 2020. Anoint me to speak, anoint us to hear, but above all, speaker or hearer, when we leave here we all want to be doers of Your Word. It's in Your precious Son's name we pray, amen.

Jesus taught this principle in His famous Sermon on the Mount. He has just been talking about how some of us in life will lay up treasures on earth, but others of us will lay up treasures in Heaven. Then He challenges us to be careful where we're laying up our treasures, because He says where you lay up your treasures, that's where your heart will be. If you're striving to lay up treasures in Heaven, your heart will be there, but if you're striving only to lay up treasures on the earth, your heart is going to be here instead of in Heaven. Then Jesus tells this, very simply, it's common knowledge: "The eye is the lamp of the body." The eye is what lets the light in, so to speak. He says if you have a healthy eye, your body is going to be full of light; your life is going to be full of light. But if you have a bad eye, your body is going to be full of darkness. Then He makes this statement (if I may interpret this), if your light isn't really light, but it's darkness, if your eye is letting darkness in but you don't recognize it and you think it's light, you are really full of darkness. I was in a restaurant this week and we saw someone we hadn't seen in a while, and just as soon as I walked up, it was obvious they were talking about me to my wife. I heard this lady say, "Well you know he's full of it!" We were in a public restaurant and I didn't dare ask what she thought I was full of, but I pray my eye is healthy and I'm full of light, not of darkness. But if I'm full of darkness, it's because I have a bad eye. In His ministry, Jesus recognized there were some people who had eyes, but they just couldn't see correctly. Can you imagine being Jesus, *the* teacher of God, getting ready to teach and you recognize there are a lot of people in the group who just aren't going to see what you see? He tried to alert people to that. I think blindness was on Jesus' mind so often as the Messiah that it's why, often, He would stop. We saw this in the gospel of Mark, and if He would see somebody that was blind, whether it was acquired blindness or they had been born blind, He would stop and heal them so they could see. He had compassion on people who had physical eyes, but those eyes weren't healthy and they couldn't see, and He would work a miracle. He also recognized there were other people who had spiritual eyes, but those eyes couldn't see. In contrast to those people who couldn't see, He wanted the people who could see to know they did see, and understand that's why they live life differently. I've

got to be honest with you, it's becoming more and more clear that in 2020 we're going to have a lot of relationships with a lot of people who aren't going to see what we see.

Jesus was teaching in parables. Matthew 13 says He told this story about a farmer who went out to sow seed, and when it fell on the ground, it fell on four different types of soil. There was really only one soil type that brought forth the harvest. As soon as He finished teaching that parable, the disciples came to Him and asked why He was teaching in parables. I don't know about you, but I was always raised in a church that taught me that the reason Jesus taught in parables was because He took what was hard and made it easy to understand by putting earthly illustration alongside it so that everybody would get it. That's not exactly what the Bible teaches. In Matthew chapter 13, when Jesus begins to explain why He's teaching in parables, He says, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

""You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."

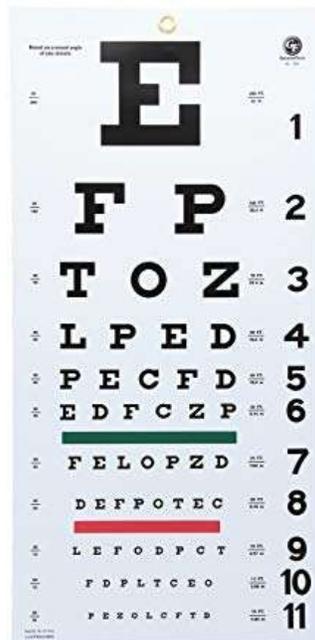
Please tell me you get this. Jesus used parables to show a group of people that you see, you have spiritual insight, insight on a different level than the people you're living with have. Then He says, "Blessed are your eyes..." He's not talking about your physical eyes in your head; He's talking about the eyes of your mind, the eyes of your heart. Blessed are your eyes, "for they see." But the truth is Jesus recognized when He was here on the

planet, there was a group of people who had eyes that couldn't see. They had ears that couldn't hear. They had a mind that couldn't understand. What was the problem? They had a heart that was dull.

It I can say this, Jesus used parables just like eye doctors use the Snellen test. If you've been to an ophthalmologist lately, you walk into their room and see this chart on the wall. I was there just a couple of months ago getting my eye exam again to see how my eyes were. I go to Dr. Jarvis who is a good friend of mine, and when I went in there, I was going to play a trick on him. I was going to get down to about the seventh line and was going to miss every one of them just to see if he was really paying attention. But when I got in there, (this happens to me every time) and he actually put that machine on my eyes and started looking through that eyepiece and those letters started appearing, something in me said I'm going to get every one of them! If I have to squint, I'm going to get every one of them! If I have to make up something, I'm going to try because I want to read not only down to the eighth line, I want to read down to that eleventh line. I'm the kind of person who doesn't strive just to get to level number eight at 20/20 vision, because that doesn't mean I have perfect vision; it means I'm just like you. No offense. I don't want to just see what you see. That bottom line is not 20/20 vision; it's 20/5 vision. That's the kind of vision the birds of prey have. That's the kind of vision I want to strive for. With my glasses, wow, I got to the eleventh line. I didn't miss a one.

Let's examine that just for a moment. If you went into the doctor's office and the only one of these you could read was the top letter, that means you've got 20/200 vision. That means you are legally blind. If, with your glasses, with corrective surgery, all you can read is that top letter, you are legally blind and you shouldn't be driving. Please don't drive on Redbud Road if that's the only letter you can read. If you can read the second line, you have 20/100 vision. I had a hard understanding what this means, but I think I've got it. If I have a friend who has 20/200 vision and I have 20/20 vision, that means if he is standing 20 feet away from something and he can see it, I can back up 180 feet further behind him and I can see the same thing he sees from 200 feet that he can only be 20 feet from to see.

You go from 20/200 to 20/100 to 20/70 to 20/50 to 20/40 to 20/30 to 20/20 to 20/15 to 20/10 to 20/5. Just so you know, the average print you read is written at 20/40. You have to be able to read at 20/40 to be able to get a driver's license in the state of Kentucky. Have any of you ever noticed that it's easier to read the headline of a newspaper than it is the print of a newspaper? That's because headlines are written in 20/80, not 20/20. That's why it's so much easier to see. Catch this. With 20/20, you don't have perfect sight. That's a misnomer. Get that out of your mind. 20/20 just means you're normal, but there are a few of us that are not normal. We're 20/15, 20/10, or 20/5. That means if I had 20/5 and my friend had 20/20, if he could only read something from 5 feet away, I could read the same thing 15 feet further away than he could read it because I have 20/5 vision.



This is the test. Herman Snellen, an ophthalmologist in 1862 invented this test, and it's the standard. Jesus had a standard that He used to test people's spiritual vision when He was teaching. Every once in a while, if He was in a group of people and wasn't really sure where they were at, He would just throw in this parable. Then the people who could see had eyes to see, spiritually; they get it, and the people who didn't have eyes to see wouldn't get it. Then Jesus would know His Father has opened their eyes to see and the others hadn't had their eyes corrected yet.

Now, I want you to be ready for this. I want us to be ready for this. Not everybody has to same spiritual vision that you have, therefore, you had better be ready for that in 2020. Not everybody sees like you see. What is important here right now is for us to focus on this. Do you see clearly? We get so caught up sometimes in what other people see and trying to convince people about what we see that they don't, we sometimes don't stop and make sure we really see correctly. I'll tell you how we got into this mess. God had this great idea to create human beings, and He put this team called Adam and Eve in a garden and they represented all of us. They were us. They were going to do what we would do. He created the man first, put him in the garden, and while he was walking around the garden, God was explaining life to him because God was the Creator. You would think if God created life, He knows how life ought to be lived. Amen? Do you agree with that? He explains to Adam 'I have given you all this, but do you know that tree right over there? You need to stay away from that because that's the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Don't eat of it.' Then Adam was alone so God created a wife for him. They were living happily ever after in a state of holiness, a state of blessedness, they were naked and not ashamed, and all of a sudden, a serpent appears and says 'why aren't you eating from that tree over there? I've been noticing that you eat of all these other trees, but you're neglecting that tree. That tree is really good; why don't you try that tree?' And the wife said 'we're not supposed to eat of that tree because if we eat of it, if we touch it, we'll die!' The serpent says 'you've got to be joking! God told you if you eat of that tree, you'll die?' 'That's what God said.' 'Well, God is holding out on you. God knows if you eat of that tree, it will open your eyes, and you'll be just like Him! You'll have the knowledge of good and evil.' Here's what the temptation is. The temptation is; are you going to trust the creation, a creature that's created, or are you trust the Creator? Which one should our parents have believed? The Creator...but they believed the creature. You know what Eve did. She ate. When she ate, her eyes were opened. She didn't go, 'praise the Lord! Wow! You're a hunk!' When both their eyes were opened, they were both ashamed. They were ashamed because for the first time they experienced spiritual separation from God.

What happened to them when they ate that fruit was they suddenly had the ability to determine for themselves what was right and wrong, and they are going to self-determine what is right and wrong rather than trust God for what's right and wrong. It didn't bring them what they thought it would bring them. The next thing you know, they're sewing fig leaves together and they're hiding from God. The serpent forgot to tell them they wouldn't be like God; they will be *god*. In your own mind, you'll be god; in your own mind you'll be able to determine for yourself what is right and wrong. What they didn't realize is that didn't change what is really right and wrong. There is still a right and wrong that was determined by the Creator, no matter what the creature thought. The next thing you know, we have this revelation of God. They get kicked out of the garden and God says at the end of chapter 3 'they are just like Us. They now have the right of self-determination to determine what is right and wrong.' By the time we get to the book of Judges, the Bible makes this statement many times, "And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of God." When you get to the end of the book, you start seeing this statement, "In those days, there was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in their own eyes." I want to make sure you understand this progression. People associated with God, living in the Promised Land, were doing evil in the sight of God, but in their own eyes, it was right.

Do you remember when we did Route 66 and I did the overview of the book of Judges? I said to myself, 'Thank you God that I do not live in the time of the judges.' Now, just a few years later, I've got to be totally honest with you. I believe for the first time in American society that we are living in an age in which everyone believes it's ok to do what's right in their own eyes. Are you ready for this? In 2020, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, are going to meet a culture that what they do, they actually believe it's right. In all reality, in the eye of God it could be evil. Does that make sense? For the first time in a long time, probably the only time in American culture, the church is completely out of step with what society is saying, believing, and seeing. There was a time when we all agreed; we just chose not to do, but now we don't even agree because we don't see things the same.

Now, Jesus, I think this broke His heart, but at times He would be teaching and would run against some people and He would warn them about following Him because He would say 'that's a blind man leading the blind.' Then He would say 'if that blind man is leading those people, won't they both fall into the pit?' Jesus recognized there were some people in His day who were living in Israel, and spiritually, even though they were teachers, they were totally blind to the truth. As a matter of fact, in Matthew chapter 23, He just says 'you blind guide.' Can you imagine showing up for a tour somewhere you've never been and your guide is blind? How many of you would have a few reservations? Here is a group of people who are teaching the Law of God, and Jesus says they're a blind guide, and then He calls them a blind fool. Then He calls them a blind man. Then He calls them a blind guide again. Then He calls them a blind fool again. In about ten verses, He uses the word, blind, five times to try to get them to recognize they are blind.

You and I have to realize that we are living in a society where many of the people in our society are blind. You've got people in your family who are blind. It could be a spouse, a child, a parent, your partner, your best friend, or your neighbor. If they're blind and you're not, you are not going to see the same thing. I also want to say if you're the one blind, you won't see the same thing.

What is my purpose for this message? The purpose for the year 2020 is for us to see clearly, and then to help others see clearly. But before we can help others to see, we have got to make sure we see. So the question is not about anybody in your family. The question is you. Can you see? Do you pass Jesus' test? Has it been given to you to know the secrets of the Kingdom? Do you operate, not just on a physical level; do you operate on a spiritual level? Do you have spiritual insight into the things of God? Do you see? If you can't see, please come to Jesus. He even said the purpose of His ministry was that He didn't come for those who are well; He came for those who are sick. Jesus understood how important the eye was because He said it's the light of the body, and if your eye is bad, the whole body is bad. If you need corrective surgery, He can restore spiritual sight to you. He can let you see for the very first time. Please make sure you can

see. This eye test is not for anybody else but you because until we see clearly, we can't help others see clearly. Just as there are people legally blind, there are people who are spiritually blind.

I want to be honest with you. If you'll acknowledge you are spiritually blind, we're going to give you a little grace. We're just not going to hold you accountable like I hold the rest of us. I mean that. If a blind person entered your house and knocked over something very valuable to you, you probably would excuse it. You would probably say it's not your fault. You would probably say I should have moved that. You would probably say I should have known. Right? Do you have that pity, that compassion, that understanding of people who are spiritually blind? They don't have the ability to see what you see. If you'll just admit to us that you are blind, spiritually, we'll understand; I'll understand. We'll not hold you to the same standard that we hold the rest of us to because you can't see it.

Now possibly, some are here this morning who aren't spiritually blind, but we still don't have normal vision. As I was studying for this series, I read an article that said all of us have blind spots, physically. I thought, I may wear glasses, but I don't have a blind spot! The article said every eye, each one of them has a blind spot. Then the article shows a chart that had a green dot and a red dot. Underneath, it said if I slowly moved my computer closer to me while staring at the green dot on the right, eventually the green dot on the left would disappear. I thought that was silly. I'm not talking about it would get to where I couldn't see it; it would just disappear! So I started moving my head closer and closer looking at the green dot and I could still see the red dot, but as I got closer to it, at a certain point, the red dot disappeared. I mean it really didn't disappear; it turned white! Then when I backed up a little bit, it turned red again. Wow! Do you know what that means? I'm just like you; I've got a blind spot, one in each eye. The reason most of us don't notice our blind spot is because of the way our eyes move and the way we're constantly moving around. We never focus in a situation where that blind spot appears. So most of us do not know we have blind spots, just like most of us don't realize spiritually that we have blind spots. The reason you don't know it is because you can't see it. Other people can look at you and see your blind

spot, but you don't see it. Why do you not see what they see? Why do you not see? You can't see it because you're blind to it.

Jesus was teaching and He talked about not judging. I want to make sure we're clear on this. When He says not to judge, He was saying if you're going to judge somebody and help somebody with their problem, make sure you're really helping them, not hurting them. Then He says 'how can you help somebody get the speck out of their eye when you've got a log in your eye?' Get this picture. I'm out working running a chain saw and I don't have my safety glasses on. I get a speck of sawdust in my eye, and I rush to Dr. Jarvis' office, and he starts to remove that speck out of my eye, and all of a sudden, when I look up at him with my other eye, I see a big log coming out of his eye. Jesus has a sense of humor here. How many of you would let somebody help you get the speck out of your eye when they've got a big log in their eye? It's not going to happen, amen! I think you get what Jesus is saying. You had better make sure you see clearly before you start trying to help other people see clearly. He's warning us here that you had better deal with the blind spot, deal with what's in your life that you don't see! If you can't see it, how are you going to see it? You've got to trust somebody. But if you're going to be like Adam and Eve and you're going to make your own decisions and determine what's right and wrong, you're not going to trust anybody else, so you're going to live your life with this big old log in your eye and you're never going to see it. Do you know what is so damaging about this? I see this as a pastor all the time; you actually don't see the damage you're doing to your spouse, your children, your family, and your friends because you're blind to it. Pretty soon, you want to tune everybody else out because you don't want to hear what they see; you just want to remain blind.

Listen. In 2020, if we're going to be who God wants us to be and be able to help other people, then we've first got to take care of what's wrong with us. Let's acknowledge that we have blind spots, and let's bring people into our lives who we can trust has 20/20 vision to help us.

I'm sure you hadn't noticed this, but I've done something I've never done in my life. I've been on stage with something in my hand, and I hardly ever have anything in my hand except the Bible. This is a piece of paper. The

reason I'm holding this piece of paper in my hand, and I don't know when I'm going to lay it down because this just amazed me. I discovered in my research for this series that our physical eyes, even when they are normal, 20/20 vision, can actually create illusions to where something is not as it appears. Somebody could actually be looking at something and seeing something, living a certain way, believing it's real, when it's really an illusion. Here's how you know. Now, we have what's called binocular vision, two eyes that work just like a binocular. Each eye sees, gathers information, but what you see is not two images. Your two eyes work together to create one image. So take a piece of paper, roll it up, look through it with your left eye and let your right eye look at your right hand, then slowly move your right hand toward the paper, you will see a hole in your right hand! Now, there's really not a hole in your hand, but do you get it? Some people have illusions, real illusions because their eyes don't work together and it creates an illusion. We are spirit filled beings who live according to the Spirit of God and we walk in the Spirit of God, but we live in a body that has a flesh. If you're not careful, your flesh can dominate your spirit to the point that you live an illusion. Be careful! The only thing that will correct that is 20/20 vision, God's vision for your life.

I know you know this, but some of us struggle with being near sighted, and some of us struggle with being far sighted. That even happens spiritually. If we're not careful, there are some of us here who only see our family. That's all we care about. That's all we minister to. Everything outside our family is blurry. Everything outside our close circle of friends is blurry. If we were honest, we could care less. We're spiritually near sighted. Therefore, when Jesus gave us that great commission to go into all the world and start in Jerusalem, you're never going to get out of Jerusalem because you're near sighted. Those of us who are far sighted are ready to go to Nicaragua, Brazil, China, Pakistan, we're ready to go tell the world about Jesus, but we neglect to tell our family. We'll get on a plane and travel a thousand miles, yet have never walked down the road and talked to a neighbor about Christ. What I'm trying to say is if we're not careful, in 2020 if we don't all develop 20/20 vision, even those of us who see won't see eye to eye. None of us has perfect vision, so we all have to be aware that what we could be seeing is not correct. The whole purpose

of this series is going to be to make sure we see clearly first, so we can then help others see clearly.

I don't know if you missed this, but Jesus gave us the key to the problem. I did not know this. It's prescientific age. Jesus said the reason they couldn't see is because they had a dull heart. Did you know that your eyes actually don't see? Physically, your eyes don't see. I called Dr. Jarvis and asked...he said that's right, your eyes don't see. Sight takes place in the mind, the brain. I'm not going to be scientific with you because I can't pronounce all the words, but basically, all you see is light from objects. My eyes actually don't see; they see light. The light from something travels into the front part of my eye called the cornea, goes through the liquid part of my eye, and on the back of my eye, I have a retina in each eye. That's the backscreen, so to speak. On my retinas, I have photo sensors. I have rods and cones. One of them picks up light, the other picks up darkness. We have really small eyes, but we have millions and millions of photo sensors in our retinas! Some ophthalmologists believe there are as many as fifty to seventy million photo sensors on the retina of our eye, so when light comes in and gets to our retina, the retina picks up light or darkness, and then takes the light and changes it into an electrical impulse and sends it on to your optic nerve. Your optic nerve then takes that impulse, runs it into the back of your head, and the back of your head is where you see! The image isn't created in your eye; the image is created in your mind. All of a sudden, I get it! I get it! You don't have to have eyes to really see. Think about this. How many of you dream? When you dream, your eyes are closed. Nothing is coming in, but you have a picture in your mind that is clear as daylight. Sometimes you wake up with the sweats thinking you just robbed somebody!! Listen to me. Dr. Jarvis agreed with me. Many times people have eyes that can really see, and the problem is not with their eyes, it is with their brain, their mind. The mind can't translate the electrical impulses into real images.

We're asking you this month, who is your one? We're going to ask you to pray for thirty days for someone. We're going to ask you all year long to be concerned for someone who doesn't know Christ. This is why Paul said to the Corinthian church `if our gospel is being veiled, if it's hidden, it's hidden

from those who are perishing for the God of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot process, cannot see the light of the gospel.' You're going to be praying for a person who is spiritually blind. The problem isn't with their eyes; the problem is with their mind. Their mind has been blinded because the mind is where you have to see. Your friend who doesn't know Christ, your husband who doesn't know Christ, your wife who doesn't know Christ, your mom or dad who doesn't know Christ, your best friend who doesn't know Christ, they are blind.

Paul finishes 2 Corinthians 3 by saying 'just as God commanded light to shine in the darkness of creation, God commands the light to shine in our heart.' Then he thanked God that He had shined the light of the gospel into his blind heart, his blind mind. If you can see, it's a miracle! What we're praying in other people's lives is a miracle that their blind mind can actually work. That's why we see things differently. That's why we argue so much. That's why we can't get along. That's why we're so impatient with so many people. It's because we don't see what they see! 1 Corinthians 2 says there's a group of people who has insight that other people don't have, and the basic reason they have this insight is because they have the Spirit of God in their life and it brings us the ability (2:6-16) to have the mind of Christ. You actually have the ability to think and see just like Christ. But we've got to program your mind.

This actually happened. It's a true story. A man was born, lost his sight at one and a half years of age, grew up, got married, had children, and never saw his children and wife until he had a corrective surgery. So for the first time, he was getting ready to see, and when they took the bandages off the doctors examined his eyes and everything worked. When his wife and kids came into the room and stood before him, he couldn't see them. When the light from his family penetrated his eyes and got on the retina, and it translated it into electrical impulses and sent it to the back of his brain, his brain couldn't produce an image because the brain had nothing there to associate with them. It took months and months of retraining his brain so he could present an image, and he knew that was his wife and children.

The Bible says you have the mind of Christ, but it also says you've got to program yourself to think like Christ, Philippians 2. In 2020, we're going to take the time to give you the programming to have 20/20 vision in 2020.

My glasses have changed my life. I'm a pastor, I'm a reader, I study, and as I've begun to age, I just can't see like I used to see. I have to have these glasses to read. I can't read without them. I go regularly to Dr. Jarvis to check my eyes because I want to read and study until I die. I have worn these glasses so long now that sometimes I don't realize I have them on. At home, I have a routine. When I take a shower, I lay my glasses down, I shower, and dry off, and then I put my glasses back on. I got in Brazil two years ago, and I got in the motel, it was really dark, really small, and so I took my shower the first night, I got out, and subconsciously I put my glasses on (though I didn't realize it) and I started my routine of drying off. When I started drying my hair, I heard something hit the floor. It was my glasses, and the frames broke. I picked them back up off the floor and couldn't put them on. I had six days of teaching, I can't read my Bible without them, and I'm in a foreign country on the Amazon River. I panicked. I laid down on the bed and I cried, and cried, and said, "God, what am I going to do? I can't see!" Celisa tells me I know enough to teach them without studying, but I can't. I have to read! I have to be fresh! God brought Dr. Jarvis to my mind, so I called Lisa, she got ahold of Dr. Jarvis, and they got me the prescription. I rode my motorcycle all of Parintins and found a place where there was an eye doctor, but he wasn't really an eye doctor. He had this machine where he could make glasses. He took my glasses and said he couldn't make my glasses because he had never seen anything like my lens. He had not seen the quality we have in America. But he said he would make me some frames, so he went in the back room and made me some frames, Brazilian style, that I could put on. I hugged him and hugged him. I tried to overpay him because I could now see.

Are you with me? Do you know what thought I had when I got out of the shower this morning? I went to all that trouble two years ago in Brazil so I could fulfill my purpose in Brazil because what good would it have done me to be in Brazil for six days if I couldn't teach the Word of God, and I

couldn't teach the word of God if I couldn't see. I've got a bigger purpose in going to Brazil for six days, that is living the life God has ordained me to live, and I want to be able to see. Do you really want to see? Do you want to see what you see? Do you want to be able to see like the One who can really see? We're going to learn to see life in 2020 from God's perspective so we can have 20/20 vision in 2020. In Ephesians 1:18, Paul prays for the Ephesian church that the Lord would open the eyes of their heart and that the eyes of their heart be enlightened. Open the eyes of our heart, Lord, because we want to see Him high and lifted up.