

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Philip & Nathanael

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but Jesus invites us to see more clearly.*

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### What Does This Mean for Us?

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2. We make assumptions about \_\_\_\_\_, and it limits how we follow. John 1:50-51; 1 Cor 1:26-27
3. We make assumptions about \_\_\_\_\_, and it limits what we expect from Him. Matt 19:26; John 6:6; 14:9

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