

**OPTICAL ILLUSION**  
**Playground Prayers – Part 4**

**ON TV:** It's human nature to resist things we **can't control** or **don't understand**.

**ON TV:** What does **the way I pray** say about my **view of God**?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"9a This, then, is how you should pray...10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9a-10*

**ON TV:** We have to view God as God is, and **not as we imagine** God to be.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"8b ... 'Lord, show us the Father...' 19b 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...' " John 14:8b-9b*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"31 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him.' 34 The disciples did not understand any of this It's meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about." Luke 18:31-32, 34*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"...to act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8b*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." John 6:38*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"16b 'Jesus, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 21b '...sell everything you have, and then give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Matthew 19:16b, 21b*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"39b 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who's touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.' 48b ... 'Your sins are forgiven.' 49b ... 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'" Luke 7:39b, 48b-49b*

**ON TV:** They empower us to ignore, to judge, mistreat the people inside and outside our walls that don't look or act or worship or do faith like us.

**ON TV:** We can't live that way as Christ Followers and impact the people God loves, who we are to also love, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**ON TV** *"I dare not stop renewing my mind every single day..." Romans 12:2b*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked, what was happening. 37 They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' 38 He called out, 'Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!' 39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more... 40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Lord, I want to see.' he replied." Luke 18:35-41*

**ON TV:** Do you want to see? Do you want to see what you can't currently see, even if it requires letting go and even if it requires giving up, and admitting you've been wrong?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"42 Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you. 43a Immediately, he received his sight and followed Jesus..." Luke 18:42-43a*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Lord, I want to see." Luke 18:41b*

**ON TV:** The purpose of prayer is to **align** our will with God's will.

**ON TV:** Our **Past**, our **Personality**, our **Prejudice**

**ON TV:** We can't love well until we **see clearly**.

**ON TV:** Because it's human nature to resist things we **can't control** or **don't understand**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "31b...If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free. 36 So if the Son sets you free, **you will be free indeed**." John 8:31b-32, 36

**ON TV:** Do you want to see?

**ON TV:** "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10