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**Series:** It's All About the Gospel

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**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-6



## **Unbelief is a seeing problem.**

### **Matthew 9:27-29 ESV**

*And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."*

### **Mark 8:22-25 ESV**

*And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.*

## **Unbelief is a seeing problem.**

### **Matthew 13:13 ESV**

*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.*

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

### **2 Corinthians 4:1-6 ESV**

*Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,*

*to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

### **Matthew 13:15 ESV**

*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.'*

### **2 Corinthians 3:16 ESV**

*But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.*

### **2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV**

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

### **Acts 9:4–9 ESV**

*And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

### **Acts 9:10–12 ESV**

*Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."*

**What's the greatest gift of the gospel?**

**John 17:24 ESV**

*Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

**The most glorious, joyful, and wonderful gift we could ever imagine receiving is Jesus Christ Himself.**

**If you see, you must \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**2 Corinthians 4:1 ESV**

*Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.*

**2 Corinthians 3:6 ESV**

*who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

**2 Corinthians 4:2 ESV**

*But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.*

**2 Corinthians 4:5 ESV**

*For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*

**People must first see Jesus, then they'll begin to live out the moral implications of the gospel.**

**“servants” = “slaves.”**

**We're slaves to others for Jesus' sake.**

**2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV**

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

**If you see, you must go.**

**Philippians 1:20 NIV**

*I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.*

**Philippians 1:21 ESV**

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*