

Good Eyes

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SERMON

Sermon Notes: I have marked with an (S) the things I would like to be displayed if your media department wants to set them up.

Introduction

Have you ever noticed how two people can look at the same opportunity, and one will see success and one failure?

One has faith, and one has fear.

THESE THREE CAN BE ON ONE SLIDE

(S) How we see

(S) What we see

(S) Is so important

We can look at the same picture and not even see what is really there.

Pictures, 2017 Jase & Amanda

- (S) *** [Amanda](#)
- (S) *** [Jason](#)

“How did you feel when you looked at those pictures?”

Then I heard a voice saying, “Jimmie, you need “Good Eyes.”

Say it with me,

(S) I Need Good Eyes

TEXT

*(S) *** Luke 11:34-36 NLT - 34 "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. But when it is bad, your body is filled with darkness. 35 Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness. 36 If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light."*

Jesus speaks about our eyes. Are they good or bad?

When we look into our future, what do we see?

- Good things or bad things?
- Failure or opportunity?
- Fear or faith?

As I looked at these pictures, I completely overlooked the wonder of the moment.

I didn't see my beautiful eight-year-old daughter
I didn't see my wonderful son
I created a reality that was not completely true.
I could only see the bad; I could not see the good.
I only saw what wasn't really there.

We do this all the time.

The way we see things is not always the complete truth.

The way we see things is only our perception of the truth.

God's reality is the only reality that is the truth

I MAY LEAVE THIS SECTION OUT

Some of you will not hear anything else I say today beyond these next 3 sentences. **SAY IT STRONG Jimmie!**

- Many of you would start **healing yourselves** today if you would start seeing good in yourselves and stop the endless cycle of self-condemnation
- Today, you could heal your relationship with your spouse if you begin to see the good in them instead of focusing **only** on their flaws and mistakes.
- Today, you could start healing your relationship with your children if you saw the good in them, spoke to that good, and built them up.

REMEMBER

(S) How we see

(S) What we see

(S) Is so important

We need Good Eyes to See OUR Victory

(S) 2 Kings 6:17 NIV - 17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The young man could only find disaster in his view.

His eyes were full of fear, defeat, and failure.

But there was another view of his world and once his eyes were opened he could see what was really there.

**“We don't ignore the bad things.
But, God's view and reality is always greater than ours.”**

We must include His view in our perception.

Good Eyes to see The Promised Land

(S) Num 13:18 NLT - 18 See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many.

- Twelve people went, and twelve people, all saw the same things, but only two were able to see with good eyes.
- Ten of them said, *“We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” Numbers 13:33b*
 - Or we saw ourselves like grasshoppers.
 - It was their perception of how they saw themselves.
 - Not how it really was, just how they saw themselves, the promised land, and God.
 - Self-perception/self-judgment is the most inaccurate of all.

What Promises do you SEE in your life?

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- What does your world look like through your eyes?
- Is it full of expectation, faith, and fulfilled promises?
- Is it full of fear?

In seeing the promises for our own lives our eyes are then open to the lives of those around us.

Good Eyes Like Jesus

The Story of Photini

(S) John 4:35 You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

- Just tell the story
- *"He must go to Samaria" He was on a mission*
- A simple request for a cup of water turns into Jesus pouring himself out to this woman. And Jesus blows up so many wrongs in this encounter incredible conversation with this woman.

His behavior is a model for our conduct today.

In this **very** contemporary conversation, Jesus speaks to these relevant issues that we face right now in our culture.

1. **Sexism**, A woman in this culture was a second-class citizen and He **YET** has value for her. Jesus did this repeatedly while here on earth but none as distinct as this woman. He simply spoke to her with the dignity and worth that The Father has for her.
2. **Racism**, The Bible does not contain the word Racism, instead, it uses the word partiality which means "to judge under." By judging another as inferior or underneath"

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- The Samaritans were people that the Jews hated with a long-standing passion.
 - Jews regarded them as an inferior mixed race and considered them less than human.
 - Jews called the Samaritans a 'herd', not a nation.
 - **Jesus blows this up** by revealing HIMSELF to this girl.
 - **She was the first person that He told He was Christ**
3. **Sin**, She has missed the mark, of the prize so many times and Jesus simply and lovingly speaks directly to the issues of her heart, to who she has become, and **how she had de-valued herself** by her own choices.

Jesus reveals so much of Himself to her it's crazy amazing including this, *John 4:25-26 NLT - 25 The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming--the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"*

PUT YOURSELF IN THE STORY

There's part of the story we overlook.

We don't see it! Unless we have good eyes.

If we put ourselves into this story we are the disciples.

- The disciples (or WE) didn't see the **opportunity**.
- **The miracles in the moment.** It's like they (WE) were blind.
- They may have passed the woman as they went into town
- They saw all the people in town as they walk through the town
- They even saw Jesus talking with the woman when they came back to the well and didn't understand. They (WE) couldn't see it.

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- **Why? They needed Good Eyes but they were blinded by their religion, culture, and prejudice**
- They (WE) needed **Good EYES** to see the harvest.
- **All it took** was someone who could see the value of this precious young woman and speak to her worth, someone to speak to the value of her messed up life. Then many in her city believed.
- Jesus Has Good Eyes, **WE need to see like Jesus don't we?**

She became the first evangelist to the nations. Taking the gospel all the way to Rome where she was martyred.

Tell the stories,

Frank Sherry

- The widow saw with Good Eyes, past her pain, past her loss she saw with Good Eyes

Sherri Bratcher,

- A move of God that righted the course of me and my family started because a housewife had Good Eyes.

Commission people to be bringers.

(S) Proverbs 15:30 NIV - 30 Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.

If we are not bringing joy to all that we meet then something is missing in our lives.