

# Open Our Eyes



**2 Kings 6:15-17**

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- Elisha & servant surrounded by Syrian army
- Elisha not worried, his servant was worried
- Elisha knew God was with them
- Elisha prayed his servant's eyes be opened
- His eyes opened; Lord's army was revealed

We Must PRAY,  
as Elisha PRAYED for his servant,  
**OUR EYES BE OPENED**



# Pray Our Eyes Be Opened

## To See the Need of Spiritual Sight

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- **Romans 10:17**, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:7**, “walk by faith not by sight.”
- **Hebrews 11:1**, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”
- **Hebrews 11:6**, “without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”



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## To See Our Spiritual Needs

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- **1 John 1:8, 10**, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*
- **Matthew 7:3-5**, *“...why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?...Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye.”*



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## To See the Need of Walking In God's Light

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- **1 John 1:5-7**, *“...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”*

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# Pray Our Eyes Be Opened

## To See the Need For Spiritual Nourishment

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- **1 Peter 2:2**, “...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...”
- **2 Timothy 2:15**, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- **Acts 17:11**, The Bereans were more “noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”



# Pray Our Eyes Be Opened To Seek & Teach Lost Souls: Friends, Family, & Others

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- **2 Thessalonians 1:8**, *“vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*
- **Mark 16:16**, *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*
- **John 4:35**, *“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”*



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## To Be STRONG In The FAITH

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- **Romans 1:14-16**, “... I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
- **1 Peter 3:15**, “...sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”



# Pray Our Eyes Be Opened To Church Growth

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What's your vision for this congregation?

- Do you see this congregation growing?
- Can you envision seeing this building full?
- Do you see yourself involved in the vision?
- 1<sup>st</sup> century church commanded to grow
  - **Acts 1:8**, Apostles told to go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the whole world

**Not an option Then or NOW**



# Open Your Eyes To Church Growth

- What's Your role?
  - Grow in your ability to teach
    - **Hebrews 5:12**, “...time ... to be teachers...”
  - Be active in teaching God's word
    - **Matthew 28:19-20**, Go Teach, Baptize, Teach
    - **1 Corinthians 3:6**, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”
  - Be an example to others
    - **1 Corinthians 11:1**, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ”



# What's the Conclusion!

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**PRAY** God will **OPEN YOUR EYES:**

- To see your own spiritual needs
- To see lost souls everywhere
- To see God's vision for church growth and your role and responsibility in that vision!

**To DO  
Something in 2012!**

