



*“Open Our
Eyes”*

2 Kings 6:15-17



- Syrian Army encircles the city
- Elisha's servant worried about what to do
- Elisha knew the Lord was there with them
- Elisha prays his servant's eyes be opened
- Eyes opened, the Lord's armies revealed

Lesson Learned:
NEED TO PRAY THAT
OUR EYES BE OPENED !!!

Pray Our Eyes Be Opened To See...



...our own spiritual needs !

...lost souls all around us !

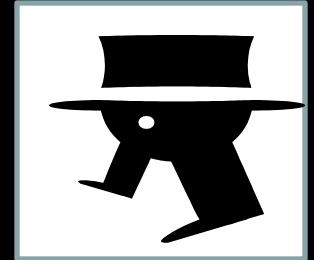
**...that the growth of the local
church is my responsibility !**

We Need Spiritual Sight



• Faith in God Required for Spiritual Sight

– **2 Corinthians 5:7**, “For we 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.”

“Open Our Eyes” To Our Spiritual Needs



- **Must Believe We Have SIN In Our Lives**
 - **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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- **Must Be in Fellowship With God**

– **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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- **Receive Spiritual Nourishment**

- **1 Peter 2:1-2**, *“laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...”*

- **Hebrews 5:13-14**, *“...every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,”*

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“Open Our Eyes” To See Lost Souls



- **What Do We See in Our Friends & Family?**
 - Do we see fleshly relationships?
 - Do we see good people living a good life?
 - **Do we see lost souls?**
 - **2nd Thessalonians 1:8**, Jesus will take, *“...vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*



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- **Everyone Has the Duty to Go Teach**
 - **Romans 1:15-16**, “...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.”

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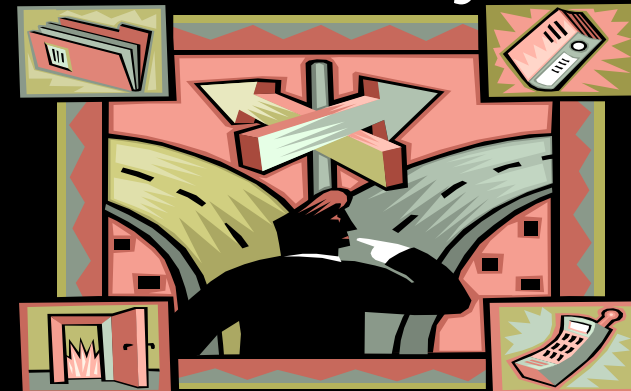
• Recognize the Opportunities to Teach

– **John 4:35**, “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest.”

– **Matt. 28:19-20**, “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

– **Acts 13:46-48**, “But they that were Jews and the chief of the synagogue, stood up and said unto Paul and Barnabas, They would not receive their teaching. Then Paul and Barnabas went every day from the synagogue, and were preaching the word.”

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“Open Our Eyes” To See Church Growth



- **What Is Our Vision for This Congregation?**
 - Do WE see this congregation growing?
 - Do WE envision seeing this building full?
 - Do WE see ourselves involved in this vision?
 - How can WE fulfill the great commission?
- **1st Century Church commanded to grow**
 - **Acts 1:8**, Apostles told to go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the whole world

Not an option then, Not an option now!

“Open Our Eyes” To See Church Growth



- **What’s my role in the growth of the church?**
 - Must grow in my ability to teach
 - **Hebrew 5:12**, “...time ... to be teachers...”
 - Must be active in my teaching
 - **Matthew 28:19-20**, Go...Teach...Baptize...Teach”

**MUST PRAY WE
“OPEN OUR EYES”**

- **2 Kings 6:17**, “*Lord I pray, open his eyes that he may see.*”

What's the Conclusion!



In 2011, **“OPEN OUR EYES”** To See:

1. Our own spiritual needs !

2. Lost souls
everywhere !

3. His vision for
church growth and
my role in that growth !

