

Men As Trees Walking

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TEXT: Mark 8:22-26

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22 *Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him.*

23 *So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.*

24 *And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."*

25 *Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.*

26 *Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."*

A Few Questions:

QUESTION #1: Why did he heal this man in stages?

- It was not because of any _____ in Jesus, as if he didn't have the _____ to _____ him all at once.
- It was not because this man's blindness was a particularly _____.

- It was not because Jesus _____ and _____ the first time.

QUESTION #2: What do we learn from the immediate context?

LETTER A: _____ is another word for the _____ necessary for baking bread, but in this case, it refers to the _____ of the Pharisees.

Mark 8:17-18

17 ... *Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?*

18 *Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?*

QUESTION #3: What is Jesus teaching us in this story?

LETTER B: Cloudy spiritual vision afflicts _____ believer to _____ degree.

1 Corinthians 13:12

12 *We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. (The Message)*

LETTER C: No one sees life with _____ clarity. All of us have spiritual _____ to one degree or another.

Lessons From the Text:

LESSON #1: God doesn't _____ us all the _____ way.

LETTER D: Our God is infinitely _____ in the way He _____ with us as He _____ us to spiritual _____.

LESSON #2: He deals us with us _____ to our _____.

LETTER E: Even though his _____ brought him to Christ, Jesus is not trying to meet the _____ of the _____.

LESSON #3: We don't get _____ at the same _____ or in the same _____.

LETTER F: Sometimes—often, in fact—the _____ we seek comes very _____.

LESSON #4: Our own spiritual perception is often _____ and _____.

LETTER G: It is a great _____ spiritually when we can say, "Lord, I am _____. Help me to _____."