

# SERMON NOTES

Unleash: See It! Pastor Carl Toti February 14-15, 2015

The great problem in our world today is the problem of vision. Many people have sight but no vision.

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." -Helen Keller

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 (NCV)

<sup>18</sup> Where there is no word from God, people are uncontrolled, but those who obey what they have been taught are happy.

2 Kings 6:13 (NLT)

13 "Go and find out where he is," the king commanded, "so I can send troops to seize him." And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan."

2 Kings 6:14-16 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. <sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. 16 "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!"

#### SOMETIMES THE FACTS WON'T LINE UP WITH YOUR FAITH.

2 Kings 6:17-18 (NLT)

17 Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. 18 As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Élisha prayed, "O LORD, please make them blind." So the LORD struck them with blindness as Elisha haɗ asked.

Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

<sup>18°</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

## FAITH ALLOWS US TO SEE THE INVISIBLE.

YOU NEED TO SEE THAT: GOD IS WITH YOU! GOD IS FOR YOU! GOD IS IN YOU!

Abraham saw the invisible.

Hebrews 11:10 (KJV)

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Moses saw the invisible.

Hebrews 11:25-26 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

## SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

John 9:39 TLB

Then Jesus told him, "I have come into the world to give sight to those who are spiritually blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

#### 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ESV

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only 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.