

# EYES TO SEE, EARS TO HEAR

**Matthew 13:13-16.** Jesus explains some of His approach to using parables. He references **Isaiah 6:9** and connects it to the unbelief and hardness of heart the people had towards Jesus and His teaching.

- Jesus is a master at sowing and reaping (previous verses in Matthew 13)
- Parables are ingenious tools to reveal motives, convict of sin, and turn hearts to the Lord
- “But blessed are your eyes!” Do we walk in a posture that is open and receptive towards God?

**John 9:1-41** GOD GIVEN OBSTACLES MAY VERY WELL BE LADDERS TO NEW LEVELS.

- “**Born blind**” What situations in life, that seem out of our control, could actually be launching pads for us to be established in the divine plan of God to reveal His glory in and through us?
- Jesus smearing mud in the eyes of the blind man was an incredible display of His wisdom in that it gave strong motivation to the blind man to act in faith to fulfill the creative miracle that was taking place
- The technique Jesus used seems harsh, but it is completely overshadowed by the glory of the miracle
- Has the Father placed mud over your eyes to get your attention directed towards a transformative miracle He wants to do in your life?

EYES TO SEE, EARS TO HEAR THE ACTIVITY OF THE LORD

**Hebrews 12:5-12, 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Revelation 3:19**

- **Reprove** - Convict, bring to light, expose, find fault with
- **Rebuke** - To honor or profit someone with correction, to raise the price of
- **Exhort** - Call to one’s side, beg, plead, implore, comfort

**2 SAMUEL 16:5-14** OPEN AND WILLING TO RECEIVE CORRECTION FROM THE LORD NO MATTER HOW HE SENDS IT

- Humble our hearts, be willing to receive discipline and correction
- Make daily habits of seeking the Lord in deep reflection **Psalms 139:23-24**
- Learn to recognize the Lord’s activity in everyday moments
- Surrender to the discipline of the Lord, repent and move forward in freedom
- Correction & discipline is a sign of His great love for us!

