



# Walking with Eyes Wide Open: Lessons from the Gospels



Explore the importance of spiritual sight through the Gospels. Learn to discern true leadership and follow Christ with wisdom each day.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this three-day journey through the Gospels, where we step into the eyes and heart of Jesus' teachings on leadership, spiritual sight, and discernment. The phrase *"The blind leading the blind"* from Matthew 15:14 serves as a powerful warning to us in all generations. It challenges us to ask, "Who do I follow? Are my leaders spiritually sighted?"

The Gospels are more than historical accounts; they are living stories that reveal God's heart and the character of Jesus. In a world full of competing voices, it is essential to root our faith in the true Teacher and Shepherd. When Jesus spoke of blindness, He wasn't just describing physical sight, but the deeper spiritual blindness that causes confusion, misdirection, and ultimately, falling into a pit.

Over the next three days, we will explore key moments from the Gospels where Jesus illuminates the way. We will discover how He calls us to spiritual clarity and warns us to be cautious about whom we trust to lead us. This study will equip you to discern rightly and follow with confidence, always grounded in the wisdom of Christ.

*May this time inspire you to open your spiritual eyes wider, trust in the Good Shepherd, and lead others with humility and clarity.*





## Day 1: 👁👁 Seeing Beyond the Surface



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## Your Verse

*Matthew 15:14 NIV – "Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 9:39 – "I have come into this world so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."*
- *Luke 6:39 – "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?"*



## Devotional: The Danger of Blind Leadership

**Matthew 15:14** offers a sobering image: the blind leading the blind, a double tragedy ending in a fall. Jesus critiques religious leaders who, though respected, lacked true spiritual insight. They followed tradition without understanding God's heart. This blindness is not physical but a spiritual condition that hinders us from seeing truth clearly.

In today's world, it's easy to follow voices that are loud but lack depth or truth. Jesus warns us to discern carefully the source of our guidance. Leaders must have spiritual sight—a deep connection to God's wisdom and humility to serve others rightly.

Ask yourself: Are those you follow leading closer to Christ or away from Him? True leaders point others to life-giving truth, recognizing their own need for God's grace. If you find yourself confused or spiritually stumbling, consider whose voice is influencing you. Jesus invites us to seek Him first — the true Light who opens eyes and guides steps.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you identify if a leader is spiritually sighted or blind?

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2. In what ways might you be 'blind' to spiritual truths in your life?

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3. How can you cultivate your own spiritual discernment in daily decisions?

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Day 1: 👁️ Seeing Beyond the Surface

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you followed guidance that led you astray. What did you learn?

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2. List qualities of leaders you trust who help you grow spiritually.

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3. Reflect on how you can become a leader who guides with spiritual sight.

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Day 1: 👁️ Seeing Beyond the Surface

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to see clearly with spiritual eyes.** Open my heart to Your truth and protect me from blind guides who lead into danger. Grant me wisdom to discern Your voice above all others, and courage to follow Your path faithfully. Teach me to lead others with humility and clarity, reflecting Your love and light. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*





## Day 2: 🐣 Jesus, the True Shepherd



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## Your Verse

*John 10:27 NIV - "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."*
- *Hebrews 13:20 - "Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will."*



Day 2: 🐑 Jesus, the True Shepherd

## Devotional: Following the Voice of the Good Shepherd

In John 10, Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. His sheep hear His voice and follow because they know His heart. Jesus contrasts Himself with those who lead without care or sight, emphasizing a deeply personal relationship between leader and follower.

When we follow Jesus, our spiritual sight is restored. We no longer walk blindly but with confidence, guided by the One who laid down His life for us. True leadership is not about position or authority but about caring, knowing, and leading others toward life and truth.

Today, reflect on your relationship with Jesus as your Shepherd. Are you attuned to His voice amidst the many calls on your attention? Trusting Him as the ultimate leader brings peace and protection. It also equips us to lead others with integrity and love, following His example.



Day 2: 🐑 Jesus, the True Shepherd

## Reflect and Apply

1. How can you better recognize Jesus' voice in your life?

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2. What does it mean to you that Jesus knows you personally as His sheep?

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3. In what ways can you emulate Jesus' leadership in your relationships?

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Day 2: 🕊️ Jesus, the True Shepherd

## Journaling Prompts

1. Describe times when you felt especially guided or protected by Jesus.

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2. Write about challenges when it was hard to hear Jesus' voice and how you overcame them.

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3. Consider how you can help others hear Jesus' voice clearly through your example.

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Day 2: 🕊️ Jesus, the True Shepherd

## Prayer for Today

Dear Shepherd, thank You for knowing me intimately and guiding me with loving care. Teach my heart to listen for Your voice daily and to trust Your leading above all else. Help me to rest in Your protection and follow without fear, becoming a faithful example of Your love to others. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*





## Day 3: ✨ Walking in Spiritual Sight





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## Your Verse

*Ephesians 5:14 NIV – "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 4:6 – "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts."*
- *Proverbs 3:5-6 – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and he will make your paths straight."*



## Day 3: ✨ Walking in Spiritual Sight

## Devotional: Awakening to Walk in the Light

Paul encourages believers in Ephesians to wake up from spiritual sleep and walk in the light of Christ. This awakening is a call to spiritual sight—to no longer live blindly but to be alert, discerning, and fully alive in God's truth.

Spiritual sight allows us to navigate life's complexities, avoiding pitfalls set by false teachings or worldly distractions. When Christ shines on us, He reveals His path and empowers us to follow it fearlessly.

As we conclude this study, reflect on areas where you need to wake up spiritually. Are there habits or beliefs clouding your vision? Invite Jesus to illuminate those parts of your heart, enabling you to see clearly and lead wisely. Walking in spiritual sight means living in constant awareness of God's presence and purposes.



Day 3: ✨ Walking in Spiritual Sight

## Reflect and Apply

1. What spiritual 'blind spots' might you need God's light to reveal?

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2. How can daily awareness of Christ's presence change your decisions?

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3. What steps can you take to maintain spiritual wakefulness in your life?

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## Day 3: ✨ Walking in Spiritual Sight

# Journaling Prompts

1. Identify moments when you realized you were spiritually 'asleep' and describe how you returned to awareness.

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2. List practical ways you can invite God's light into your daily routine.

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3. Reflect on how spiritual sight affects your leadership and influence over others.

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Day 3: ✨ Walking in Spiritual Sight

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, awaken my heart and open my eyes to Your truth. Light my path and guide me away from darkness. Help me to walk with clarity and lead others with wisdom and love. May Your Spirit continually shine within me, dispelling blindness and deception. *Thank You for being my light and guide. Amen.*





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