



Dreaming With Hidden Blind Spots
(Matthew 13:1-3a,10-11; NKJV)

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Big Question: Can You See Beyond Your Blind Spots?

1 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in **parables**, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "**Why do You speak to them in parables?**"`

11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

- A. Jesus was teaching in a **hostile** environment (Matthew 9:34, 12:4, 12:22-37)
- B. Jesus taught in parables to **quietly communicate** to his disciples (13:1-3a, 10-11)

Question: What can't God say in front of you? (Are you going to be the one left out of the conversation because you cannot hear certain things?)

Introduction: Three Blind Spots that Jesus anticipated some would face

- A. **Ignorance** (They would be highly uninformed)
- B. **Depth** (They would be very shallow in their thinking)
- C. **Greed, Impatience, and Focus** (They would easily be distracted by the things around them)

I. Blinded by Ignorance
(Matthew 13:3-4; NKJV)

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the **wayside**; and the birds came and devoured them.

Explanation of the Wayside Principle: Matthew 13:18-19; NKJV

- 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone **hears** the word of the kingdom, and **does not understand** it, then **the wicked one comes and snatches away** what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside

This is a category called "The Wayside Followers"

1. There is a **sower** (Someone who invest and makes an effort to grow something)
2. There is a **hearer** (Someone who listens to what sowing or teaching investors has to say)
3. There is a **goal** (The Sower's singular purpose is to invest in the soil of the hearer)
4. There is a **wicked one** (Someone who is determined to keep the hearer uninformed)



II. Blinded by Wrong Assumptions That Were Uninformed

- A. I assumed sometimes that **walking by faith meant embracing unnecessary and unwise risk** (Debt, Covid-19, Exhaustion, Toxic Relationships, and Unhealthy Career Habits)
- B. I assumed that **walking by faith in a non-profit defined assignment did not require the building of strong cash reserves, assets and long-term options**. Those who did pursue these options were potential lovers of money more than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:2).
- C. I assumed that those who walked by faith were more **morally** committed than those who were unchurched.

Note Proverbs 14:34: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people...”

- D. I assumed we would have the same church model.
- E. I assumed we would have a lot more time to adapt to technology and change.
- F. I assumed spiritual leaders were clear and practically insightful about every aspect of life.

III. Two Closing Questions That Can Help Us See

1. Are we willing to **face** our blind spots?
2. How much are we willing to **know**?

Next Time: Dreaming Without Depth

Big Question: How deep are you willing to go?

Side Question: Are you a shallow up-close? (The Fig Tree example, Matthew 21:18-22)

Read Ahead: Matthew 13:5-6 Some fell on **stony places**, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because **they had no depth of earth**. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away