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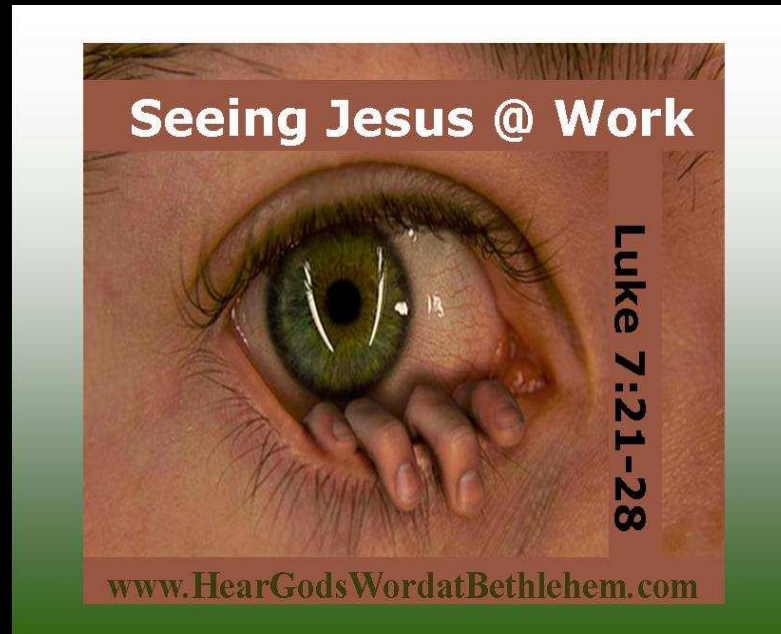
**Resolve: To Know Him (Jesus
Christ)! Philippians 3:10-16**

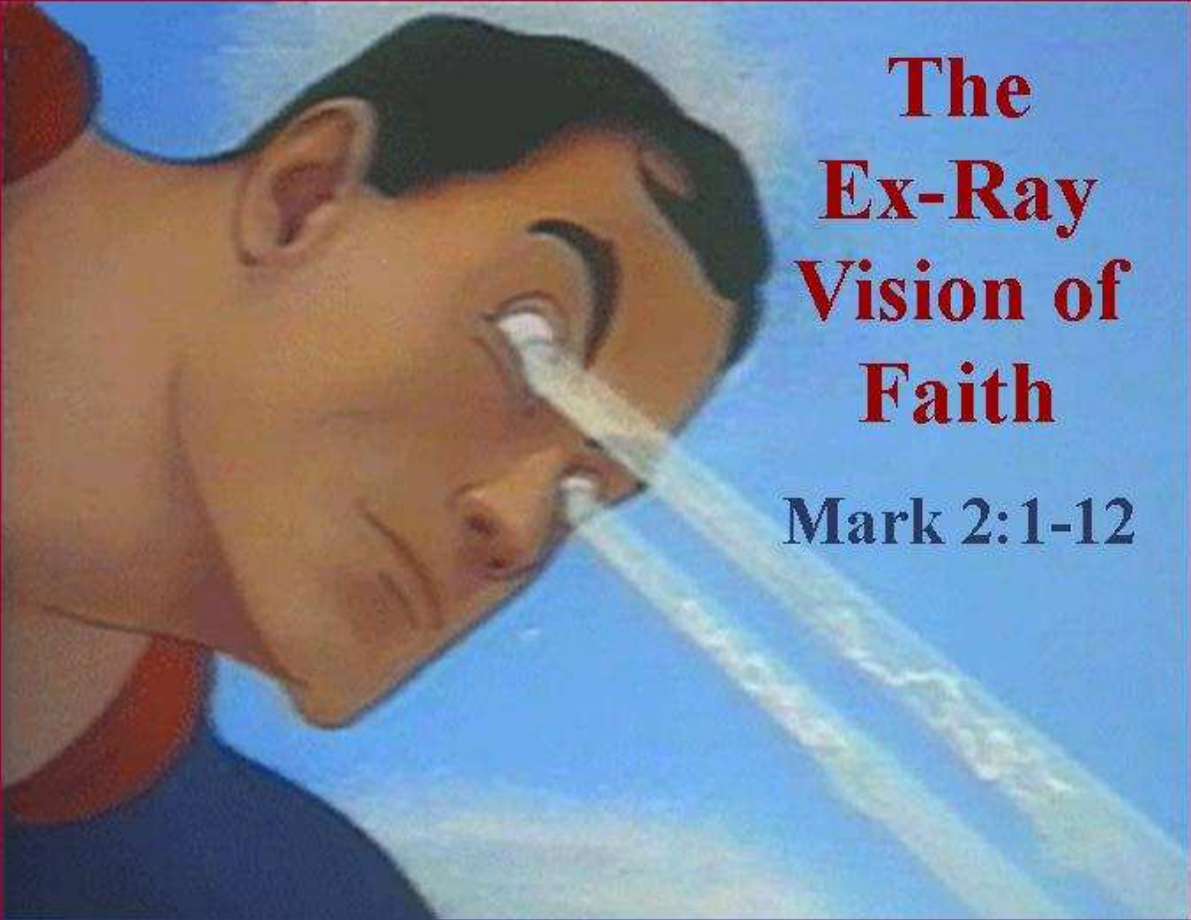




THE MONTH THE DISCIPLINE OF KEEP YOUR EYES

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, **keep your eyes** on those who live as we do. Philippians 3:17





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Faith**

Mark 2:1-12

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Mark 2:1-12 NIV

- **¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made**

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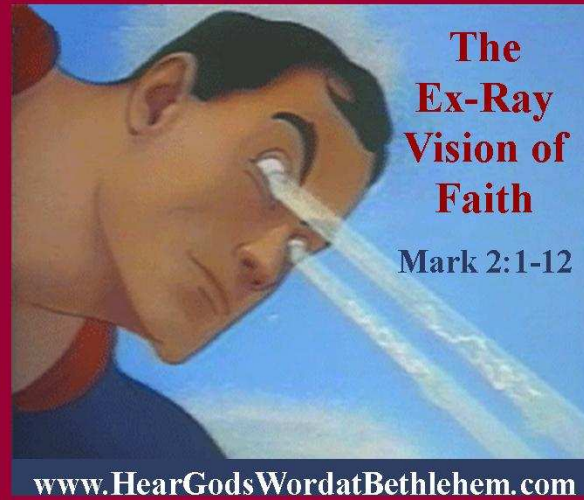
- an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

- ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



- **See Through the People v.2**
- **See Through the Place v.4**
- **See Through the Pious v. 8**

Thesis: Christian should see through people and places to get to Jesus.

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See Through the People v.2 ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Luke 8:42-44 NIV

- ⁴²because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. *As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.* ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, ^[a] but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ *She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.*

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See Through the Place v.4 ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

Mark 11:15-17 NIV

- ¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’^[a]? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’^[b]”

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See Through the Pious v. 8

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But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

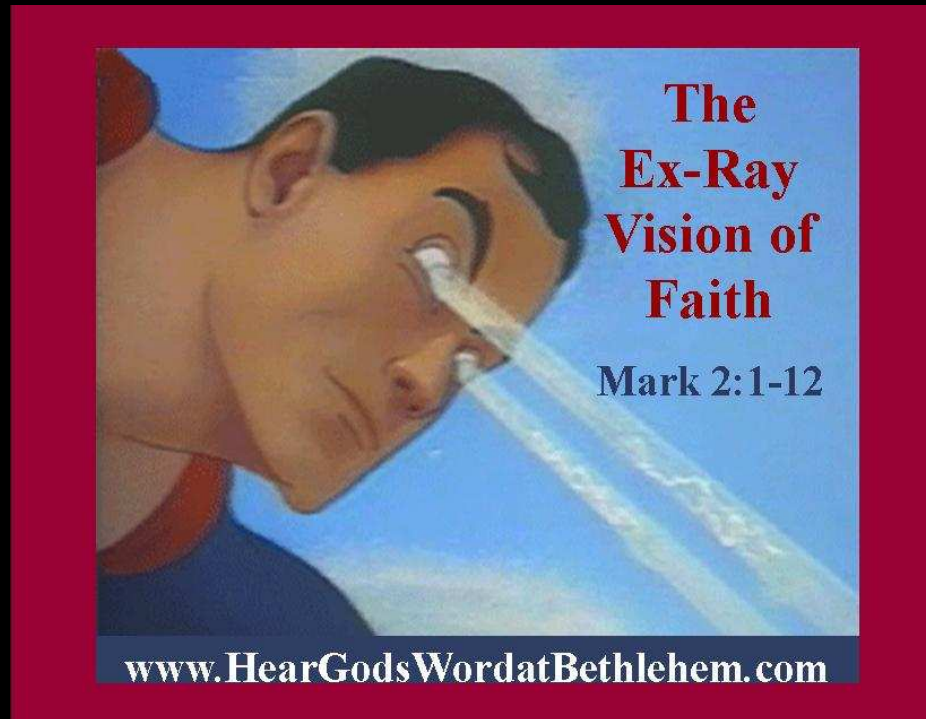
1 Samuel 16:7

Matthew 23:27 NIV

- **"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.**

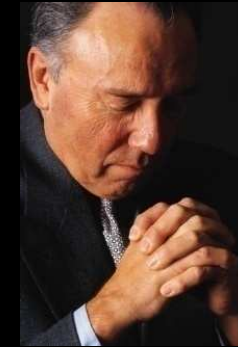
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Conclusion:



- **Thesis:** Christian should see through people and places to get to Jesus.

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- Decisions to make today!
- **Accept Jesus Christ as you Lord and Saviour**
- **Be baptized**
- **Join Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Ask for prayer**
- **Testify**
- **Ministry or Mission**

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