

VISION PROBLEMS: NEARSIGHTEDNESS

Matthew 26.24-26, 27.1-5; Philippians 4.10-19

Today we examine the last moments of disciple Judas who suffered from spiritual nearsightedness—the inability to see the big picture of Jesus’ work because of current circumstances.

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4.12-13

The Remedy for Nearsightedness: (Philippians 4.10-19)

SCRIPTURE reveals God’s big picture for humanity

SECURITY in **JESUS** *I can do all this through him (Jesus) Phil. 4.13*

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28.20

STRENGTH from the **HOLY SPIRIT** *...who gives me strength. Phil. 4.13*

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3.3

SHARING your **HARDSHIPS** *Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Phil. 4.14*

Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6.2

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

ALL: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

LEADER: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

ALL: **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

ALL: **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

LEADER: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

ALL: **You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

LEADER: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

ALL: **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

Psalm 32.1-7, 10-11

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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