

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored blazer and dark pants, stands with her eyes closed and her right hand raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. She is holding a white cane in her left hand. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a soft, out-of-focus light source on the left, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere.

# Overcoming Spiritual Blindness

July Sermon Series



DISCOVERING  
YOUR BLIND SPOTS

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER  
THAN THEY APPEAR



**“WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO IGNORE  
BECOMES YOUR BLIND SPOT. BY  
OPENING YOUR AWARENESS, YOU  
EXPAND YOUR VISION.”**



## **BLIND SPOTS RESULT IN GREAT LOSS.**

- \* 840,000 BLIND SPOT ACCIDENTS HAPPEN EVERY YEAR.**
- \* OVER 37,000 PEOPLE DIE IN ROAD CRASHES EACH YEAR.**
- \* 2.35 MILLION ARE INJURED OR DISABLED.**
- \* ROAD CRASHES COST THE UNITED STATES \$230.6 BILLION PER YEAR.**

**BLIND SPOTS ARE PARTS OF OUR  
THOUGHTS, EMOTIONS, BEHAVIORS,  
OR PATTERNS OF WHICH WE ARE  
UNAWARE, OR STRUGGLE TO  
RECOGNIZE.**



# Scripture Lesson:

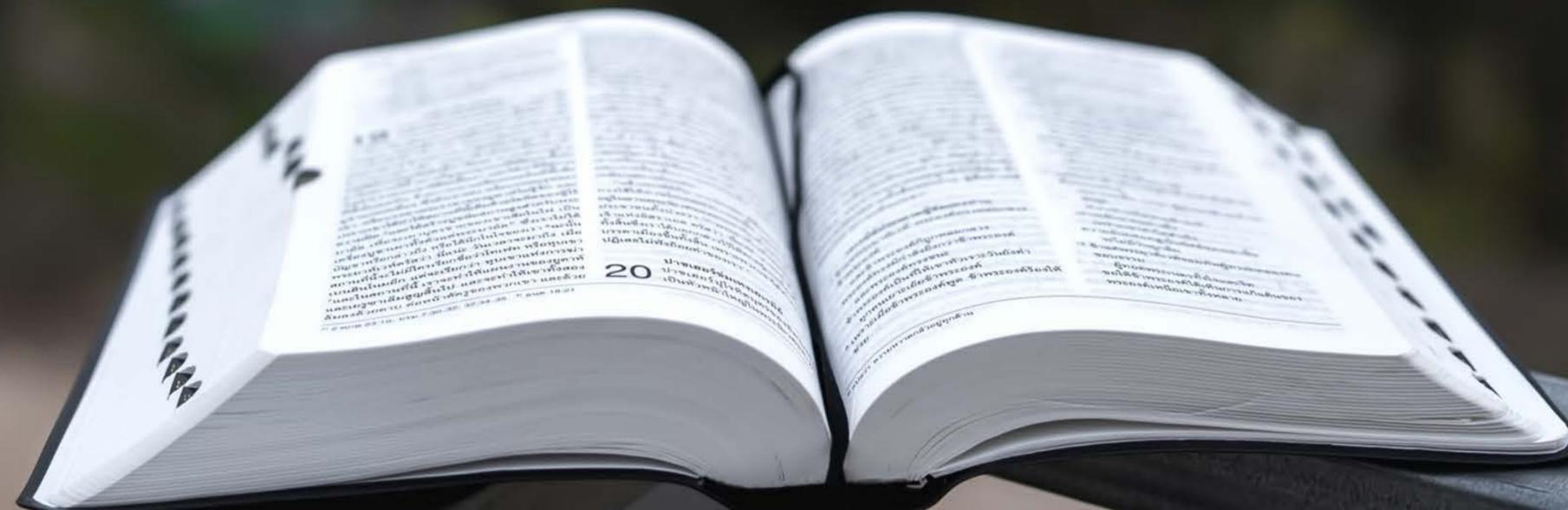
**Matthew 7:1-5, Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment, you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is a log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.**





# Judging Others

**Matthew 7:1-2, Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.**



**Galatians 6:1-2, Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**



# Why We Judge Others



# The Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

## Luke 18:9-13

Luke 18:9-13, Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'





# The Speck and the Log

Matthew 7:3-4, “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is a log in your own eye?”





# A Speck Hurts

## Four Occurrences of Blind Spots:

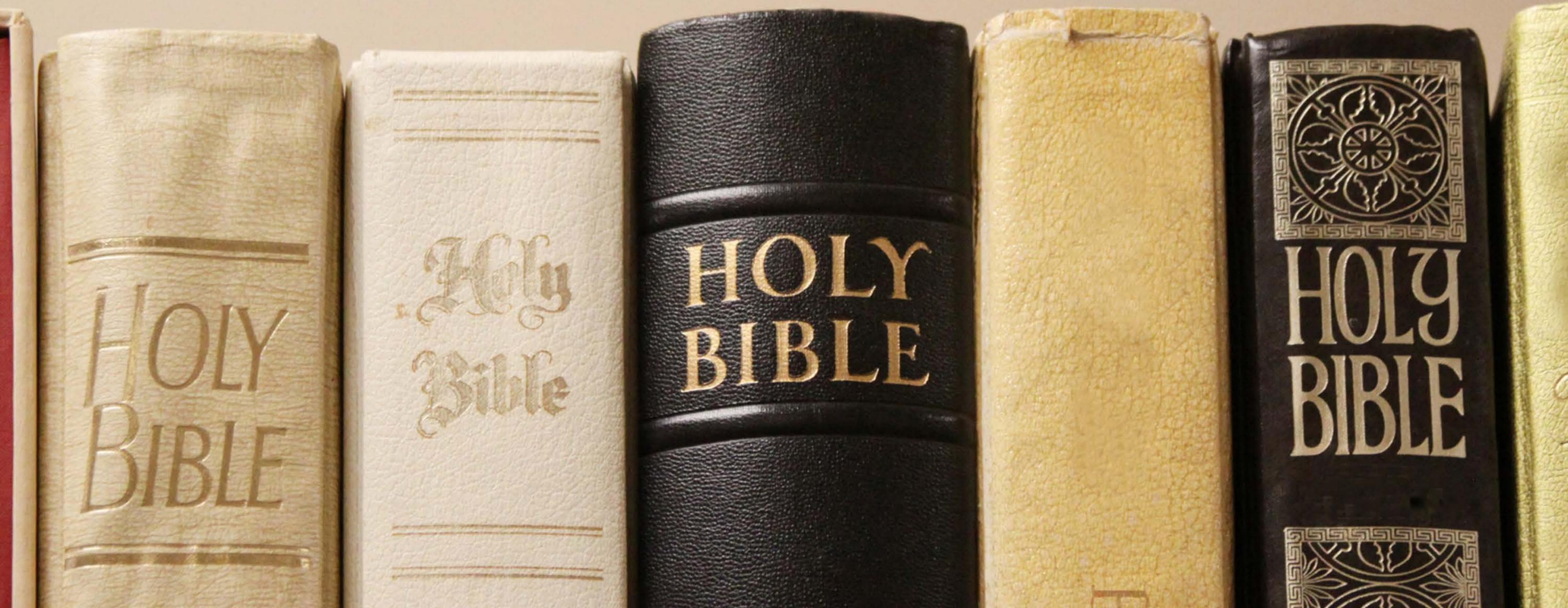
1. Blind Spots occur because we neglect to look.
2. Blind Spots occur because of our limited perspective.
3. Blind Spots occur because we are deceived.
4. Blind spots occur because it is inconvenient to give a more detailed look.

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THREE  
GREAT  
MIRRORS



# 1. Our Time in Scripture.



HEBREWS 4:12, IT IS SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD.  
HIS WORD CAN CUT THROUGH OUR SPIRITS AND SOULS AND  
THROUGH OUR JOINTS AND MARROW UNTIL IT DISCOVERS THE  
DESIRES AND THOUGHTS OF OUR HEARTS.



JAMES 1:23-24 AMPLIFIED BIBLE (AMP), ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.



JAMES 1:23-25, BUT WHOEVER LOOKS INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT  
LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM AND CONTINUES IN IT—NOT  
FORGETTING WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD BUT DOING IT—THEY WILL  
BE BLESSED IN WHAT THEY DO.



A black and white silhouette of a man and a woman in prayer. The man is on the right, with his head bowed and hands clasped in prayer. The woman is on the left, also with her head bowed and hands clasped. The background is a dark gradient.

**2. Our One-On-One Time With  
Our Heavenly Father.**

PSALM 39:1-4, O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME AND KNOWN ME!  
YOU KNOW WHEN I SIT DOWN AND WHEN I RISE; YOU DISCERN  
MY THOUGHTS FROM AFAR. YOU SEARCH OUT MY PATH AND MY  
LYING DOWN AND ARE ACQUAINTED WITH ALL MY WAYS. EVEN  
BEFORE A WORD IS ON MY TONGUE, BEHOLD, O LORD, YOU KNOW  
IT ALTOGETHER.





**3. Our Willingness to Surround Ourselves with a Few Trusted Accountability Partners.**

PROVERBS 17:10, A SINGLE REBUKE DOES MORE FOR A PERSON OF  
UNDERSTANDING THAN A HUNDRED LASHES ON THE BACK OF A  
FOOL.



PROVERBS 27:5-6, BETTER AN OPEN REBUKE THAN LOVE THAT IS  
CONCEALED. THE WOUNDS OF A FRIEND ARE FAITHFUL, BUT THE  
KISSES OF AN ENEMY ARE DECEITFUL.

