

Title: The Blindness of the Seeing Eye.

Scripture: Mark 1:16-20

Message:

One of my favorite songs as a teenager growing up in South Africa was a song by the Beatles called "Nowhere Man." And I guess the reason it appealed to me as much as it did at the time is not only that in many ways I felt like a nowhere man back then but also because it has this stanza that says "He's as blind as he can be just sees what he wants to see isn't he a bit like you and me?"

And I guess the reason it still continues to resonate with me, all these years later is because in many ways life our lives are all about our perspective. Where and what it is that we put our attention on. As a matter of fact someone once said that "I am so broke I cannot even pay attention".

And so I am wondering where you are at right now and what exactly it is that you are looking for or at or paying attention to?

Because it seems to me, as I grapple with this text in Mark's gospel that it is actually prompting us to notice how Jesus when he was out there walking the beach or more specifically the beach he did not just do what we so often do by only looking at the waves, or the sea shells. But more importantly he seemed to have paid more attention to people on the beach and to what they were up to and ended up inviting them to look at what they were doing with a new set of eyes and to do with their lives what they had perhaps never thought possible.

And so I am wondering about you. Who has ever done that for you? Who has helped you see yourselves in a brand new light? And if not what do you think Jesus might see when he looked at you and what you are up to right now?

Prayer: Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me, place in my hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see. Open my eyes illumine me, spirit divine. UMH 454

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