

I Thought I Was Blind

I recently watched the movie "Hacksaw Ridge," a biographical war drama film about the World War II experiences of Desmond Doss, an American pacifist combat medic who was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, refusing to carry or use a firearm or weapons of any kind. Doss became the first conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor, for service above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of Okinawa. Again, this is a war movie. Therefore, understand that it does contain explicit language and violent scenes that are associated with that.

In one scene of the movie, Private Doss is seen rescuing a number of comrades. In one specific instance, he discovers one whose face is covered with blood from a head wound. Private Doss empties his canteen into a cloth and cleans the blood from covering the eyes of the soldier. The soldier opens his eyes very wide and exclaimed, "I thought I was blind!" At the end of the movie, as the actual Desmond Doss is being interviewed, he recalls this exact story.

What makes eyesight so valuable to each of us? According to an article published by Better Vision, "Humans have five senses: the eyes to see, the tongue to taste, the nose to smell, the ears to hear, and the skin to touch. By far the most important organs of sense are our eyes. We perceive up to 80% of all impressions by means of our sight. And if other senses such as taste or smell stop working, it's the eyes that best protect us from danger."

Eyesight and blindness are frequently used illustrations throughout the Bible. For example, Psalm 146:8 says, "*The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.*"

A life without the Lord is a life lived in darkness. This is a point repeatedly made by the Lord in His Word. If we ever find ourselves blinded by the darkness of a world without God, let us remember that, in this case, it does not have to be a permanent state. As recorded in John 8:12, Jesus said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

May we all walk, being able to see. May we all walk with Jesus.

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Sunday, February 26, 2017

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Joy Brooks – recovering after surgery on one side of neck; other side six weeks after that</p> <p>Floyd Reeves – in isolation in hospital at Paragould with pneumonia</p> <p>Donnie Langston – had ultrasound on hernia; now waiting on appointment with surgeon</p> <p>Next Month's Service Assignments</p> <p>Announcements: Rudi Cagle Scripture Reading: Jerry Bolar</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am Ladies' Bible study; kids welcome</p> <p>Weds. 6-8 Fwednesday for teens grades 6-12</p> <p>tonight 5 pm Timothy and Phoebe classes for grades PK through 12</p> <p>this Wed. prayer night; give prayer requests to Raymond today</p> <p>March 3-4 Inspiration youth rally at Dexter, MO</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of February 20-25: 8 lessons graded</p> <hr/> <p>March Haiti Needs</p> <p>powdered milk deodorant</p> <hr/> <p>Attendance Last Week</p> <p>Sunday morning: 62 Sunday evening: 40 Wednesday evening: 34</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Ken Beach	First Prayer	Larry Towell
Announcements	Larry Towell	Closing Prayer	Rudi Cagle
Scripture Reading	Ed Young	Lord's Supper	Matthew Sills Rudi Cagle
Lord's Supper	1. Larry Brooks 2. Matthew Sills	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
	3. Ken Beach 4. Justin Beach	First Prayer	Larry Brooks
Second Prayer	Raymond Lasley	Closing Prayer	Joel Ingram
Closing Prayer	Matt Greer		