

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person with a backpack stands on a mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys.

**Beware... Blind Spots**



# Different Kinds of Blind Spots?

- **Blind spots can be the inability to see something damaging coming towards you...**
- **“Blind spots cause you to fail to recognize that emotions, such as fear and distrust, change how you and others interpret and talk about reality.”**  
*(Psychology Today)*

# Passover – A Celebration of Freedom...

## Exodus 12:25-27 NLT

<sup>25</sup> When you enter the land the LORD has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony. <sup>26</sup> Then your children will ask, ‘What does this ceremony mean?’ <sup>27</sup> And you will reply, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, **for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.**’” When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped.



# We Can All be Affected...

## 1 Timothy 4:16 NLT

<sup>16</sup> **Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right** for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.

## Romans 12:3 NIV

<sup>3</sup> ...do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but **rather think of yourself with sober judgment**, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

**“Most of us know we have  
blind spots, but most of us  
believe everyone else has  
bigger issues!”**

# Areas Vulnerable to Blind Spots...

- 1. Personal Limitations – Can't know, see everything!** Prov. 8:33
- 2. Repeated Patterns – I'm like others so it's OK!** Rom. 12:2
- 3. Allowing Sin Too Close – Give ourselves permission?** 1John 1:9

# Poor Decisions... Devastating Outcomes

## 2 Samuel 11:1-4 NLT

<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, **when kings normally go out to war**, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, **David stayed behind in Jerusalem.**

<sup>2</sup> Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he **noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath.** <sup>3</sup> He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and **the wife of Uriah the Hittite.**” <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her.



# How to Protect Ourselves from Blind Spots?

- 1. Stop Making Assumptions**      **2 Tim. 3:16 / Hab. 2:4**
  - Gain sober minded judgement - avoid self-justification
- 2. Listen to Wise Counsel**      **Col. 3:16 / Prov. 12:15**
  - Gather the right voices – remove meaningless agreement
- 3. Walk By Faith**      **1 Peter 1:7 / Luke 10:23-24**
  - Step forward through trials - steer clear of temptation

# God Restores...

## Psalm 51:1-2, 12 NIV

<sup>1</sup> **Have mercy on me**, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy** of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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