



## Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

### *"Free to Speak" Part 2*

#### **Points from Sunday's Message**

- Point 1 - Demanding More Evidence Is Sometimes Just Another Way of Saying No
- Point 2 - Greater Access to the Things of God Demands a Greater Response to God
- Point 3 - What Your Eye Is Fixed On Determines What Fills You
- Point 4 - The Light Is Available — The Only Question Is What You Are Fixed On

#### **Key Verse:**

*"Your eye is the lamp of the body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness."*

—Luke 11:34

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Demanding more vs. resisting what we already know** Pastor Jason pointed out that the crowd's demand for a sign wasn't genuine curiosity — it was resistance dressed up as a reasonable request. He said, "Demanding more evidence is sometimes just another way of saying no." Have you ever found yourself quietly saying to God, "If you just show me one more thing, then I'll respond"? What was really going on in your heart in that moment?

**Further Reading:** Hebrews 3:7–15 — A warning against hardening your heart when you hear God's voice.

- 2. Jonah's honest hatred** Jonah didn't run from God out of unbelief — he ran because he knew exactly who God was and didn't want that mercy extended to his enemies. Pastor Jason noted that Jonah's heart "had become darkness" not because he stopped believing in God, but because what he had fixed his heart on had nothing to do with what God was fixed on. In what ways can a person be deeply religious or knowledgeable about God and still have a heart misaligned with His? How do we guard against that in our own lives?

**Further Reading:** Jonah 4:1–11 — God's final question to Jonah about the 120,000 people of Nineveh.

**3. The "us vs. them" mentality** Pastor Jason said our tribal instinct to divide the world into "us" and "them" is deeply human — politically, nationally, even within the church. Yet Jesus called two Gentile outsiders (the Queen of Sheba and the Ninevites) as witnesses against the very people who considered themselves insiders. Who are the people in your life that you're tempted to write off or place firmly in the "them" category? How does this passage challenge that?

**Further Reading:** Romans 2:12–16 — Paul's teaching on how Gentiles who respond to the light they've been given will be measured by it.

**4. Greater access, greater responsibility** Pastor Jason challenged the room directly: "We've grown up with the benefit of Scripture, good Bible teaching, and freedom to gather. And yet somehow I still can't find time to crack them open." If the Ninevites repented at a single sentence from an unwilling prophet, and the Queen of Sheba crossed a desert for a rumor of wisdom — what does that say about what God expects from those of us with so much more? Take a honest look at your week: what has your engagement with Scripture, prayer, and the Holy Spirit actually looked like lately? What's one concrete step you could take this week to change that?

**Further Reading:** Luke 12:48 — "From the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be expected."

**5. The lamp on the stand vs. the condition of the eye** Jesus makes a shift in the passage — moving from the image of a lamp on a stand (the light is available) to the condition of the eye (are you able to perceive it?). Pastor Jason used the illustration of the little girl in Costco who had never seen clearly until she put on her glasses — and said that's what the Holy Spirit does for us. What does it look like in your own life when your "eye" is fixed on Jesus versus when it drifts? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit bringing clarity or correcting your perception?

**6. What is your eye fixed on?** Pastor Jason closed with a diagnostic question: "*Is my eye fixed on Jesus or is it fixed on myself?*" He said practically, fixing your eye on Jesus means daily returning to His Word, prayer, being yielded to the Spirit, gathering with believers, and noticing when your eye drifts and dragging it back. As a group, share one area of your life where you sense your focus has drifted — from Jesus toward comfort, distraction, or self. What would it look like to reorient this week? Consider praying for one another specifically in those areas before you close.

**Further Reading:** Hebrews 12:1–2 — "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

*Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.*