

# Defining moments - Ps Kev

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What God has been speaking to you through your devotions

A lot of people make a lot of noise to get Jesus attention - but when they get Jesus attention they don't know what to say and do - we need to get back on the potters wheel so that we can work out what we need to say and so they can articulate it clearly



On Tuesday we will be burying one of our police men - So we need to love on our policemen  
Acts 19:32 - The assembly was in confusion; some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there  
People are there cause they don't know their heart - the purpose as christ followers to fulfill the plan and purpose

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?  
James 1:6-8 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.  
James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Your heart needs to be fully surrendered to God  
As Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" Jesus stopped and called them, "**What do you want me to do for you?**" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight". Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him. Matthew 20:29-34  
If you were blind you were shunned from the town  
Sitting in the road to Jericho - it was a very popular town and had a lot of tourists traveling in it

## **Do you know what your hearts desire is?**

The beggars - They sat and begged and heard of an opportunity  
You need to shout and yell until you get Jesus attention - he stopped and called to them - he didn't go to them - they had to get up and step out in faith and go toward him and know that there is a question waiting for you when you get there

### **The big question us... What do you want?**

If you don't have the answer now - keep searching and working it will come

### **Are you looking for relief or release?**

What is it that is in your heart that you need?

### **Temporary relief or permanent release**

They want their sight - immediate release

The story of the dog laying in the front porch - whining - there is only one nail on the porch sticking up and he is laying in it - it is not enough pain to make him move just enough to make him whine

## **Some people befriend their ailments - it is their identity**

Clinical depression - take the pill or change your life  
That is the difference between relief or release

Blind guys - never had to do anything - just beg - but when they asked Jesus for sight they had no more excuses and had to start functioning as normal - no more excuses to just sit around and whinge

The whole of life is geared towards RELIEF

It is not our role to make our child into a golf pro - it is up to God and he will pick up the tab.

Luke 11:24-26 When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, I will return to the house I left. When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.

The relief cycle is very dangerous - the evil spirits will come back 7 times more

Release is a complete change

Psalm 139 - king david praying

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

What are you sitting down in your limitations at the moment?

Have you befriended it?

Is that it? or is it something coming up out of the well to be dealt with?

If it is that answer you need to start yelling out to Jesus for his attention