

Mark 9 • Opening the Apostles' Eyes

1. (v.2-13) Peter **saw** but was spiritually **blind**. Lack of faith leads to the **misinterpretation** of **events** relating God's Word.
2. (v.14-29) The apostles **spoke** but were spiritually **mute**. Lack of faith leads to **ineffectiveness** for those who cease from being **doers** of God's Word.
3. (v.30-32) The apostles **heard** but did not spiritually **understand**. Lack of faith is often the result when one expects God's Word to be **fulfilled** according to one's own **expectations**.
 - a. (v.30-32) Loving **sinners**.
 - b. (v.33-37) Loving **one another**.
 - c. (v.38-41) Loving those **outside our immediate fellowship**.
 - d. (v.42-50) Loving **the lost**.
4. Summary: Before the **Second** Coming, there is always the work of the **First** Coming. Before the work of the Millennial Reign, there is always the work of the **cross**. Preaching the Gospel and loving others is actually the fulfillment of **our work** for the Second Coming.