

# VISION *for 2025*

*Habakkuk 2:2*

*Then the Lord answered me and said:  
“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,  
That he may run who reads it...”*

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# **God's Promises Do Not Expire**

**Psalm 65:11**, *You crown the year with  
Your goodness, And Your paths drip  
with abundance*



**LOVE & SERVE**

**Will Always Be Our Priority**

**Galatians 5:13**

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through love serve one another.***





We need to adapt our priorities to  
reflect God's priorities

Notice what causes joy in Heaven...



## **Luke 15:7 CEB**

*7 In the same way, I tell you, **there will be more joy in heaven** over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.*



One of the things that we see over and over in the New Testament is **Jesus' focus on the ONE.**

He saw the crowds, but Jesus focused on the individuals within the crowds.

He focused on the persons who made up the masses.



## Compassion is Love in Action

**Matthew 9:36** *But when He saw the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were **wearry and scattered**, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers into His harvest.**”*



## **Two Realities in a World of Illusions:**

- 1) God sees persons, cares about persons, and loves persons. He knows each one by name.
- 2) **He wants you to be the one who reaches the one.** He wants you and me to see people, care for people, and love people
- 3) So the NCC Vision for 2025 states...



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*“Each One, Reach One.”*

*Mark 10:48-49*

*Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more,*

*“Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

*So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.*



# Examples of Jesus Reaching the One

## #1 Looking for the lost sheep

### Luke 15:3-5 CEB

*Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it?"*



# Examples of Jesus Reaching the One

## #1 Woman with a blood disorder

*Mark 5:25-34 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."*



# Examples of Jesus Reaching the One

## #2 Woman with a blood disorder

Mark 5:29 *Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.* 30 *And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “**Who touched My clothes?**”* 31 *But His disciples said to Him, “**You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’**”*



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## #2 Woman with a blood disorder

Mark 5:32, *And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**"*



# Examples of Jesus Reaching the One

## #3 Blind Bartimaeus

**Mark 10:46** *Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.*  
*47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*  
**48** *Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*





**Mark 10:49**

***“So Jesus stood still...”***



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## #3 Blind Bartimaeus

**Mark 10:49** *So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."*<sup>50</sup> *And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well."*



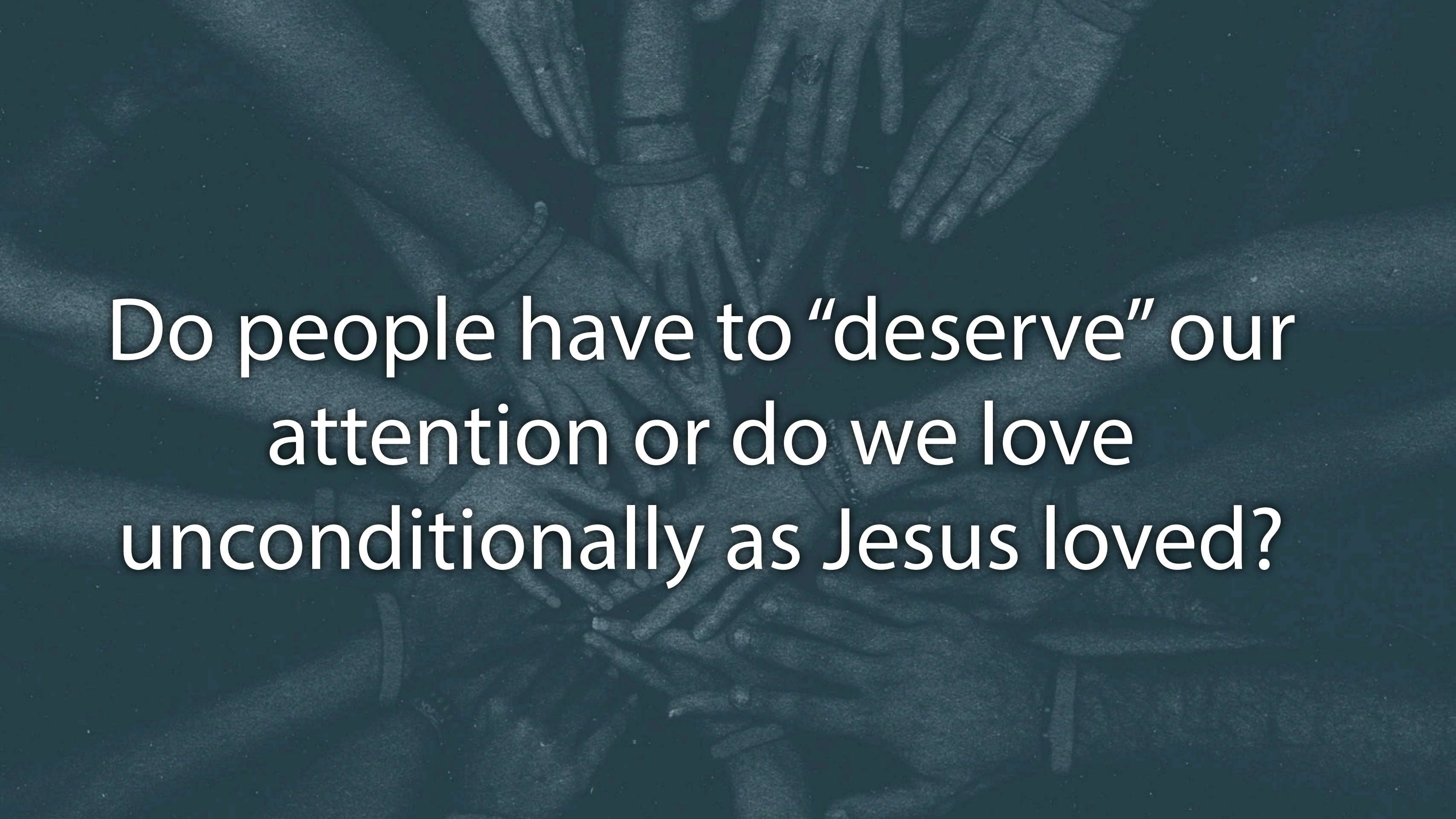


**Over and over again**

**Jesus challenges us to:**

**Be THE ONE who sees THE ONE.**





Do people have to “deserve” our  
attention or do we love  
unconditionally as Jesus loved?



- We need to ask God for the gift to see people.
- Not just look at people, but to actually see people.
- Seeing people, not only from our perspective, but in their reality.





**What do you see in the picture?**





**Sympathy:** "To feel for..."

**Empathy:** "To try to feel with..."

Sympathy is easy and Empathy is hard



**Ideals** are good  
**Idealism** is bad

An **ideal** is an ultimate object or aim of endeavors

**Idealism** is the belief that a perfect life, situation, etc. can be achieved; an unrealistic belief



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# Items to Consider for 2025

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