



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

*“Seeing is not always believing, but believing is always seeing.”*

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*The other month I went to the eye doctor. He covered my left eye and asked me to read the letters. I said, “Doctor, there is something wrong with your electronic chart. I cannot even read the top letter.” Without changing anything, he covered my other eye. I could read the fourth line down. He replied, “It is not my charts. It is your eye. You have a cataract.” I was totally surprised. I had to agree that I had a problem, ask for help and sign my name for surgery.*

*I was scared to death. They had to knock me out that day. I do not remember anything but I was told that my cataract was very hard. I had a black eye for two weeks. However, it was successful. The Doctor was amazed that I now have 20/20 vision. I never knew I could not see things clearly.*

*“A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye which leads to a decrease in vision. Cataracts often develop slowly and can affect one or both eyes. Symptoms may include faded colors, blurry vision, halos around light, trouble with bright lights, and trouble seeing at night. This may result in trouble driving, reading, or recognizing faces. Cataracts cause half of all cases of blindness and 33% of visual impairment worldwide. More than half the people in the United States had cataracts by the age of 80. [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cataract](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cataract)*

*This reminds me of the verse: “He (Satan) hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.” John 12:40 We are all born blind from birth. We do not realize it but we cannot see the truth. We cannot understand the meaning of life and death. We think everyone else is wrong and we are right. Our eyes become the instruments of lust see 1John 2:16. “That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matt 5:28 Satan used a “your eyes will be open” to lie with Eve. “And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes.” Gen 3:6,7 Then all of mankind fell.*

*We cannot remove the cataracts in our lives. It is not until we confess to God that we are blind, sinful, and we need His mercy that He will open our spiritual eyes. This is like the story of the blind man in Mark 10:47-52. In his helplessness, he cried out to the Lord for sight.*

*Even after my surgery, it took several weeks for my eyes to readjust and finally get new reader lenses. As Christians, we still do not totally see a clear picture. “For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.” I Cor 13:12 But one day, we will clearly understand why we had the hardships, pain and sorrow.*

*“But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” I Cor 2:9 When we get to Heaven, our eyes will truly be open to see beauty that is beyond words.*



Is your life a blur?

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*Amazing Grace, How sweet the  
sound That saved a wretch like me I  
once was lost, but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see. .*



Ask God to open your eyes.

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