

**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**  
**Through The Eyes Of A Lion – Part 1**  
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There is incredible power that comes  
from facing impossible pain.

**Proverbs 28:1 (NIV)** *“The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.”*

**Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV)** *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people,<sup>19</sup> and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength<sup>20</sup> He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms...”*

**Beyond drugs and alcohol, there's probably not a more powerful mood/mind/body altering state than grief.**

**To See What Is Hidden In Plain Sight Understand...**

**1. Looks can be deceiving.**

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)** *“So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”*

**2 Kings 6:12b (NIV)** *“Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”*

**2 Kings 6:16-17 (NIV)** *“‘Don't be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, ‘Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”*

**Genesis 3:4-5 (NKJV)** *“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”*

2. Eternity becomes visible by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*

Faith changes everything.

3. Nearsightedness must be constantly corrected.

Lions are longsighted –  
they see things far away super good.

The battle for your eyes is won through your ears.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”*

4. If you can see the invisible,

you can do the impossible.

When you let God give you vision that is super natural,  
you will be able to receive strength that is super human.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV) *“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”*

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV) *“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.”*

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NIV) *“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.”*

Hebrews 11:37 (NIV) *“They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated.”*

You have to learn to look at life through the right lens...  
the lens of faith!