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Caught out ...

i. **by what they couldn't see**

Ezekiel 13:3

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!



Caught out ...

ii. **by what they ignored**

Ezekiel 13:5

You have not gone up to the breaches in the wall to repair it for the people of Israel so that it will stand firm in the battle on the day of the Lord.



Caught out ...

iii. **by the lie they had come to believe**

Ezekiel 13:10

“Because they lead my people astray, saying, ‘Peace’, when there is no peace, and because, when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash,



Blind Spots ...

1. are very powerful

Ezekiel 13:10

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Blind Spots ...

2. are in all of us

2 Samuel 12:7

Then Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.



Blind Spots ...

3. are lies we live as truths

Ezekiel 13:6

Their visions are false and their divinations a lie. Even though the Lord has not sent them, they say, 'The Lord declares', and expect him to fulfil their words.



Blind Spots ...

4. leave us weak and flimsy

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Facing our Blind Spots

1. Accept that I have them!

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.



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2. Avoid self justification

1 John 1:8

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.



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3. Watch your over reactions

Mark 3:6

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.



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4. Listen to other people

Matthew 16:22-23

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'



Facing our Blind Spots

4. Listen to other people

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.



Facing our Blind Spots

5. Before it's too late!

Ezekiel 13:12

When the wall collapses, will people not ask you, 'Where is the whitewash you covered it with?'



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5. Before it's too late!

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.



