

## Believe – Healing a Blind Man

John 9:1-7 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “*It* was neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it* was so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

### 1. God reveals \_\_\_\_\_ through our circumstances and His Word.

John 9:4 “While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world”

John 8:12 is a theme verse for this miracle: Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

John 8:31-32 “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

### 2. God exposes \_\_\_\_\_ through our experiences.

- Disciples:
- John 9:1-2 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”
- The disciples exhibited no \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pharisees
- John 9:13-16 They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.
- John 9:24-34 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.” 25 He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” 26 So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” 27 He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?” 28 They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.” 30 The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. 31 “We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. 32 “Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 “If this

man were not from God, He could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" So they put him out.

- God wants us to know ourselves and to be on a journey of \_\_\_\_\_.
- God loves us as we are, but He's not content to let us stay there.

### 3. God displays \_\_\_\_\_ through our difficulties

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- Suffering has a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."
- 1 Peter 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep Your word.

### 4. God \_\_\_\_\_ His church through our opportunities.

John 9:4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with *all* your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.

Romans 1:14-16 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

#### Takeaways:

- God wants you to receive His truth. He wants you to know Him as the Light of the World.
- God wants you to know your weakness and experience His glory.
- God wants you to work for His purposes while you have breath.