



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The Eyewitness Account of a Man Born Blind March 18th-20th, 2017

(John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided. ¹⁷ Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ³⁴ To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” ³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

1. If you were blind, what is the one thing in your life would you miss seeing the most?
2. Jesus’ disciples’ question was citing a common teaching by the Rabbis that afflictions were always a result of sin. Jesus, however, refutes that notion in verse 3. Are there ever afflictions people face as a result of sin?

How could Jesus’ words here serve as immense comfort for people who suffer from afflictions?

3. Think about your life. Can you name a difficult time or hardship that you think God was using to “display the work of God in your life?”
4. **Agree/Disagree:** “Jesus used this miracle to bring the man born blind to faith.” (Track the progression of this man’s thoughts about Jesus at different points through chapter 9 to help you come to a conclusion.)
5. How does the formerly blind man’s joy and thankfulness in Jesus motivate us to live? Why can we have the same joy and thankfulness in our lives as this man did?
6. In your own words, what would you say Jesus means when he says, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” (Hint: Which describes the man born blind? Which describes the Pharisees? Which describes believers? Which describes unbelievers?)