



Mark Sparks

John Chapter 9

WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE!

THE DAY THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

- Jesus never looks over the overlooked.

“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.” – John 9:1 (NKJV)

Fear not, for I have redeemed you... – Isaiah 43:1 (NKJV)

- Where you are now is not where you're going.

“And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’” – John 9:2 (NKJV)

For I know the plans that I have for you... – Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

- God likes to use the ordinary to do the extraordinary.

“...He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.” – John 9:6 (NKJV)

“Instead God chose the things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.” – 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NLT)

- Everyday miracles happen when we combine faith with obedience.

“...so he went and washed, and came back seeing.” – John 9:7 (NKJV)

“For we walk by faith and not by sight.” – 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NLT)

- Transformation always starts where you are.

“Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, ‘Is not this he who sat and begged?’” – John 9:8 (NKJV)

“...And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8 (NLT)

- Don't underestimate the simplicity of your story.

“...One thing I know; that though I was blind, now I see.” – John 9:25 (NKJV)

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

LIVING A LIFE THAT'S CHANGED

- Changed people change people.
- No one can argue over your experience.
- You determine the depth of your relationship with God.

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. – Ephesians 3:14-21 (NLT)

I Will Live This Verse Out by...

- Memorizing **John 9:25**.
- Pursuing God's plans & dreams for my life, and not focusing on my current circumstances.
- Looking for opportunities to be a witness within my circle of relationships.
- Giving my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.