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5-Day Devotional: “Blind, Now I See”

****Based on John 9:1–41****

Day 1: Jesus Sees What Others Overlook

Scripture Reading

****John 9:1–3****

“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.’”

Devotional Thought

The disciples saw a man and immediately turned him into a question. They saw his condition and wanted an explanation. Jesus saw the man.

That is one of the most beautiful truths in this passage: Jesus sees people. He does not overlook the hurting, the broken, the forgotten, or the misunderstood. While others may reduce people to their problems, Jesus sees them as image-bearers, as people in need of compassion, grace, and redemption.

The blind man had likely spent his whole life being overlooked or pitied. But on this day, Jesus stopped. Jesus noticed. Jesus moved toward him.

This matters for us in two ways.

First, Jesus sees you. He sees the places where you feel forgotten. He sees the pain you cannot explain. He sees the burdens you carry quietly. He sees the parts of your story that others misunderstand.

Second, Jesus calls us to see others the way He does. It is easy to be distracted, busy, opinionated, or self-focused. It is easy to see someone’s situation and make assumptions. But followers of Jesus are called to slow down, pay attention, and move toward people with compassion.

Reflection Questions

- Where in your life do you need to be reminded that Jesus sees you?
- Are there people around you that you have been overlooking?
- Do you tend to respond to people’s pain with compassion or with quick explanations?



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Application

Today, intentionally slow down and notice someone. It may be a family member, coworker, neighbor, cashier, classmate, or someone at church. Ask God to help you see them the way Jesus sees them.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You see me. Thank You that I am not overlooked by You. Forgive me for the times I have reduced people to their problems or been too distracted to notice their needs. Give me Your eyes today. Help me see people with compassion and love. Amen.

Day 2: Faith Obeys Before It Fully Understands

Scripture Reading

****John 9:6–7****

“Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.’ So he went and washed and came back seeing.”

Devotional Thought

Jesus could have healed the man instantly with a word. He had the authority to do that. But instead, He made mud, put it on the man’s eyes, and told him to go wash.

The man was still blind when Jesus gave the command.

That means he had to obey before he could see the outcome. He had to trust the voice of Jesus before he experienced the miracle. He had to take steps of faith without being able to see the path clearly.

That is often how faith works.

We want God to show us the whole road before we obey. We want clarity, certainty, and control. But faith is not trusting God because we can see everything. Faith is trusting God because He can.

The sermon gave this helpful reminder:

****“Faith doesn’t require that I see the whole path. It requires that I trust the One who does.”****

There may be places in your life right now where God is calling you to obey before everything makes sense. Maybe He is calling you to forgive, to confess, to give, to serve, to wait, to speak, to surrender, or to take a step into something new.



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Obedience is not always easy. But blessing is found when we trust the One who sees what we cannot.

Reflection Questions

- Where is God asking you to obey right now?
- What makes obedience difficult in that area?
- Are you waiting to see the whole path before taking the next step?

Application

Identify one specific step of obedience you need to take today. Do not wait until you feel fully ready. Trust Jesus enough to take the next step.

Prayer

Lord, I confess that I often want to see everything before I obey You. Teach me to trust You more deeply. Help me walk by faith and not by sight. Give me courage to take the next step, even when I do not understand the whole journey. Amen.

Day 3: Jesus Changes What We Cannot Change

Scripture Reading

****John 9:8-11****

"The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.'"

Devotional Thought

When Jesus changed this man's life, people had questions. Some could hardly believe he was the same person. The man who had once been known for his blindness and begging was now standing before them able to see.

That is what Jesus does. He changes people.

Jesus does not merely improve us. He transforms us. He does what we cannot do for ourselves.

The blind man could not heal his own eyes. He could not give himself sight. He could not change his condition by trying harder, learning more, or becoming more religious. He needed the power of Jesus.

We are no different.



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We cannot save ourselves. We cannot forgive our own sin. We cannot raise ourselves from spiritual death. We cannot manufacture true peace, joy, holiness, or lasting freedom by our own strength. We need Jesus to do in us what only Jesus can do.

But the Christian life does not stop at salvation. Jesus continues changing His people. He shapes our desires, attitudes, words, priorities, relationships, and responses. He brings conviction where we need repentance. He brings healing where we are wounded. He brings freedom where we are stuck.

So the question is not only, “Has Jesus changed me?” but also, “What is Jesus changing in me now?”

Reflection Questions

- What has Jesus changed in you that you could never have changed yourself?
- Where do you still need His transforming power?
- Have you become resistant to change in any area of your life?

Application

Ask the Lord to reveal one area where He wants to continue changing you. Write it down, surrender it to Him, and invite someone you trust to pray for you in that area.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for changing me. Thank You for doing what I could never do for myself. I confess that there are still areas of my life that need Your transforming power. Make me humble, teachable, and willing to surrender. Continue Your work in me. Amen.

Day 4: Your Testimony Matters

Scripture Reading

****John 9:24–25****

“So for the 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.’ He answered, ‘Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’”

Devotional Thought

The healed man did not have all the answers. He could not explain everything about Jesus. He did not have a polished theological argument. He was not trained by religious leaders. But he had a testimony.

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”



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That simple sentence was powerful because it was personal. He was saying, “You can argue. You can question. You can doubt. But I know what Jesus has done for me.”

Many Christians hesitate to share their faith because they are afraid of being asked something they cannot answer. What if someone challenges me? What if I do not know enough? What if I say the wrong thing?

It is okay not to have every answer.

You may not be able to answer every question about Jesus, but you can testify to what He has done for you. You can say, “Here is who I was. Here is how Jesus met me. Here is what He is changing in me. Here is why I trust Him.”

Your testimony is not about making yourself look impressive. It is about giving glory to God. It is about pointing to Jesus as the One who saves, heals, forgives, restores, and gives sight to the spiritually blind.

Never underestimate the power of a simple, honest testimony.

Reflection Questions

- Why do you think sharing your testimony can feel intimidating?
- How would you finish this sentence: “One thing I do know is...”?
- Who needs to hear what Jesus has done in your life?

Application

Take 10 minutes today and write a short version of your testimony. Keep it simple:

1. What was your life like before Jesus?
2. How did Jesus meet you?
3. What has He changed or what is He changing in you?

Then pray for an opportunity to share it.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for giving me a story of Your grace. Help me not to be ashamed or afraid. I may not have every answer, but I know what You have done for me. Give me boldness to testify to Your goodness and point others to Jesus. Amen.

Day 5: Belief Leads to Worship

Scripture Reading

****John 9:35–38****



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“Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and he worshiped him.”

Devotional Thought

After the man was healed, questioned, rejected, and cast out, Jesus found him.

Do not miss that. Jesus went after him.

The religious leaders rejected him, but Jesus received him. Others argued about him, but Jesus revealed Himself to him. The man had received physical sight earlier in the chapter, but now he receives something even greater: spiritual sight.

Jesus asks, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

The man responds, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus says, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”

Then comes the climax of the story:

****“Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.****

True belief leads to worship.

Worship is more than singing songs on Sunday. Worship is surrender. Worship is obedience. Worship is trusting Jesus with our lives, our families, our money, our words, our suffering, our plans, and our future.

Many people know about Jesus. Many can say correct things about Him. But the question is: Do we see Him for who He really is? And if we do, are we worshiping Him with our lives?

The healed man’s journey went from blindness to sight, from sight to testimony, from testimony to rejection, and from rejection to deeper revelation. In the end, he did not just receive a miracle from Jesus. He received Jesus Himself.

That is our greatest need too.

Reflection Questions

- What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly worshiping Him?
- Are there areas of your life where you say “Lord, I believe,” but have not fully surrendered?
- How does it encourage you that Jesus finds the man after he is rejected?



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Application

Spend time today in honest worship. Not just singing, but surrendering. Name one area of your life that needs to come under the lordship of Jesus, and offer it to Him.

Prayer

Jesus, I believe. Help my unbelief. Open my eyes to see You more clearly. I do not want to merely know about You; I want to worship You with my whole life. Thank You for finding me, saving me, and revealing Yourself to me. I surrender to You again today. Amen.

Weekly Missional Challenge

This week, look for someone who may feel unseen or overlooked. Move toward them with the compassion of Jesus.

Pray for an opportunity to say something simple and true about what Jesus has done in your life.

You do not have to have every answer. You can start here:

*****“One thing I do know: Jesus has changed me.”*****

Blind, Now I See: Jesus Sees, Changes, and Reveals

Sermon Reflection from John 9:1–41

In John 9, we meet a man who had been blind from birth. His entire life had been shaped by something he could not change. He could not heal himself. He could not give himself sight. He could not rewrite his story.

But then Jesus passed by.

And everything changed.

This chapter is not just about a physical healing. It is about spiritual sight. It is about what happens when Jesus sees the overlooked, changes the helpless, and reveals Himself as the Savior worthy of our belief and worship.

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel:



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“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”
— John 20:31

John 9 is a living picture of that purpose. A blind man comes to see, not only with his eyes, but with his soul.

1. Jesus Sees People

John 9 begins:

“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.”
— John 9:1

That may seem like a small detail, but it matters deeply. Jesus saw him.

The disciples saw the same man, but they saw him differently. They asked:

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
— John 9:2

The disciples saw a theological problem to solve. Jesus saw a person.

That is convicting because we can often do the same thing. We can see people's pain and immediately try to explain it, categorize it, blame someone for it, or move past it. We can be so distracted, hurried, task-oriented, and self-focused that we miss the people right in front of us.

The disciples wanted to know whose fault it was. Jesus redirected the whole conversation:

“It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”
— John 9:3



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Jesus was not saying that sin and suffering are never connected in a fallen world. But in this man's case, Jesus made clear that his blindness was not a punishment for a specific sin. Instead, his life would become a stage where the glory and works of God would be displayed.

Sometimes our greatest need is not an explanation. Sometimes our greatest need is an encounter with Jesus.

That is good news for the hurting. Jesus sees what others overlook. He sees the grieving widow. He sees the struggling parent. He sees the lonely student. He sees the exhausted caregiver. He sees the person battling quietly. He sees the one everyone else passes by.

And He does not merely see from a distance. He moves toward people in compassion and power.

2. Faith Trusts the One Who Sees the Whole Path

Jesus healed this man in an unusual way.

“Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.’”
— John 9:6–7

Jesus could have healed him instantly with a word. But instead, He gave him an instruction.

The man was still blind when Jesus told him to go wash.

That means he had to obey before he could see. He had to trust Jesus without knowing exactly how it would all work out. He had to take the next step while still in the dark.

And Scripture says:

“So he went and washed and came back seeing.”
— John 9:7

That is faith.



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Faith does not require that we see the whole path. Faith requires that we trust the One who does.

Many times, we want God to give us full clarity before we obey. We want the map, the timeline, the outcome, and the guarantee. But Jesus often gives us the next step and invites us to trust Him.

Forgive.
Confess.
Go.
Wait.
Give.
Serve.
Repent.
Speak.
Surrender.

The question is not, “Can I see everything?” The question is, “Do I trust Jesus?”

3. Jesus Changes People

After the man obeyed Jesus and received his sight, his community was stunned.

“The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘It is he.’ Others said, ‘No, but he is like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’”
— John 9:8–9

The change was so dramatic that people could hardly believe he was the same person.

That is what Jesus does. He changes people.

This man could not heal himself. He could not open his own eyes. He needed Jesus to do what only Jesus could do.

The same is true for us spiritually. We cannot save ourselves. We cannot forgive our own sin. We cannot make ourselves new. We cannot bring ourselves from spiritual death to life.

Only Jesus can do that.

But the change Jesus brings is not always celebrated by everyone. The healed man was questioned by the Pharisees. His parents were brought in. He was interrogated again.



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Instead of rejoicing that a man born blind could now see, the religious leaders became angry because Jesus had healed him on the Sabbath.

Their hearts were so hard that they missed the miracle standing right in front of them.

And in the middle of all the questioning, the healed man gave one of the simplest and most powerful testimonies in Scripture:

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”
— John 9:25

He did not have every theological answer. He did not know everything about Jesus yet. But he knew what Jesus had done for him.

That should encourage every believer.

You may not be able to answer every question someone asks about Christianity. You may not feel like an expert. You may not know how to explain every doctrine or defend every objection.

But if Jesus has changed your life, you have a testimony.

You can say, “Here is who I was. Here is what Jesus did. Here is how He is changing me. I was blind, but now I see.”

Never underestimate the power of a simple, honest testimony.

4. Jesus Reveals Himself to People

The religious leaders eventually cast the man out. But Jesus was not finished with him.

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’”
— John 9:35

Do not miss that phrase: **“having found him.”**

Jesus went and found the man.

The man had been rejected by the religious system, but he was received by the Savior. He had been cast out by others, but Jesus moved toward him.



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Jesus asked him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The man responded:

“And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
— John 9:36

Then Jesus revealed Himself:

“You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”
— John 9:37

And the man said:

“Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.
— John 9:38

This is the climax of the entire chapter.

The man received physical sight earlier in the story, but now he receives spiritual sight. He sees Jesus for who He truly is. And true belief leads to worship.

That is what John’s Gospel is all about: that we may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name.

But belief is more than intellectual agreement. True belief changes the direction of your life. It leads to worship, surrender, obedience, and trust.

Many people know about Jesus. Many people attend church. Many people can say religious words. But the question is: Do you truly see Him?

Do you see Him as Lord?
Do you see Him as Savior?
Do you see Him as the Light of the World?
Do you see Him as the One worthy of your whole life?

5. Spiritual Blindness Is the Greater Danger

At the end of the chapter, Jesus turns the conversation toward spiritual blindness.



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“For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

— John 9:39

The Pharisees had functioning physical eyes, but they were spiritually blind. The blind man began the story unable to see physically, but by the end, he saw Jesus clearly.

That is the great irony of John 9.

The man who knew he was blind received sight.

The leaders who insisted they could see remained blind.

Spiritual blindness is dangerous because it often hides behind pride, religion, knowledge, and self-confidence. The Pharisees were convinced they understood God, yet they rejected the Son of God standing in front of them.

We must ask ourselves honestly: Do I see Jesus for who He really is, or have I created a version of Jesus that fits into my own preferences?

True sight requires humility. It requires admitting our need. It requires surrender.

Questions for Reflection

As you think about John 9, consider these questions:

Do I believe Jesus sees me, even when I cannot see what He is doing?

The blind man did not know all that Jesus was about to do. But Jesus saw him before the man ever saw Jesus.

What has Jesus changed in me that I could never change myself?

Salvation is the greatest miracle, but Jesus continues changing His people. Where is He still working in you?



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Am I willing to obey before I fully understand?

The blind man went and washed before he came back seeing. What step of obedience is Jesus asking you to take?

Can I clearly share what Jesus has done for me?

Your testimony matters. It does not need to be complicated to be powerful.

Do I truly believe and worship Jesus?

The healed man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped. Is your belief leading to a life of worship?

When We Are Weak, He Is Enough

This sermon also reminded us of the hope believers have in suffering, weakness, grief, and death. Life is fragile. Loss is real. Valleys will come.

But Jesus is still the great “I AM.”

In 2 Corinthians 12:10, Paul says:

“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

And in Exodus 3:14, God reveals Himself to Moses by saying:

“I AM WHO I AM.”

When we are weak, He is.
When we do not know what to do, He is.
When grief overwhelms us, He is.
When our strength runs out, He is.
When we cannot see the path ahead, He is.



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Jesus is everything we are not. He is sufficient. He is present. He is faithful. He is strong when we are weak.

Final Encouragement

John 9 is more than a story about a blind man receiving sight. It is a call for all of us to see Jesus clearly.

Jesus sees people.

Jesus changes people.

Jesus reveals Himself to people.

And when our eyes are opened to who He really is, the only right response is the response of the healed man:

“Lord, I believe.”

And then he worshiped.

May we be people who not only say we believe, but live lives of worship before the One who opened our eyes.