

the difference maker

Part 1 - My Story Makes a Difference May 12, 2019

John 9 - The Story of the Blind Man Who is Healed

¹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. ² "Teacher," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" ³ "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "He was born blind so the power of God could be seen in him..." ⁵ But while I am still here in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smoothed the mud over the blind man's eyes. ⁷ He told him, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam." So the man went and washed, and came back seeing!

⁸ His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Is this the same man - the beggar?"

⁹ Some said he was, and others said, "No but he surely looks like him!" And the beggar kept saying, "I am the same man!" ¹⁰ They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" ¹¹ He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and smoothed it over my eyes and he told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash off the mud.' I went and washed, and now I can see!"

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²⁴ The Pharisees called in the man who had been blind and told him, "Give glory to God by telling the truth, because we know Jesus is a sinner." ²⁵ "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

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³⁵ When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ The man answered, "Who is he sir, because I would like to." ³⁷ "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!" ³⁸ "Yes, Lord," the man said, "I believe!"

And he worshiped Jesus.

USING MY STORY TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

1) Allow God to CONFIRM my story.

I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13

2) Allow God to DIRECT my story.

But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. - 1 Timothy 1:16

3) Allow God to USE my story.

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. - Acts 20:24

- SHARE it.
- SHOW it.
- SERVE it.

¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way.
- 1 Peter 3:15-16