

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

February 22, 2026 – Miracle Moments: Seeing Clearly, Speaking Freely

Main Passage: Matthew 9:27-34

Main Idea:

Jesus restores what sin has broken — opening blind eyes and loosening silent tongues — so that we see Him clearly and speak of Him boldly.

I. Seeing Clearly — The Blind Men (9:27–31)

A Cry for Mercy

- “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
 - “Son of David” is a Messianic title (2 Samuel 7).
 - They are not merely asking for healing — they are confessing Christ.
 - Though physically blind, they spiritually recognize who Jesus is.
- Faith begins with:
 - A recognition of need • A recognition of mercy • A recognition of Messiah

A Personal Question

- “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”
- Jesus presses the issue of faith.
- He does NOT ask:
 - Do you believe in miracles?
 - Do you believe in God?
- He asks:
 - Do you believe I can do this?
- Faith is not general optimism.
- Faith is trust in the person and power of Christ.
- Their answer: “Yes, Lord.”

A Faith Grounded in Scripture

- Isaiah 35:5–6 - “Then the eyes of the blind will be opened...”
- They had heard:
 - The testimony of Jesus’ miracles (Matthew 12)
 - The promises of Scripture
- They believed what God had said.
- Hebrews 11:1 - Faith is the conviction of things not seen.

II. Speaking Freely — The Mute Man (9:32–33)

- After the blind men are healed, a demon-possessed man who was mute is brought to Jesus.
 - Jesus casts out the demon • The mute man speaks • The crowd is amazed.
- Nothing like this had ever been seen in Israel.
- This was understood as a Messianic sign.
- When Christ restores sight, He also restores speech.
- Salvation always produces testimony.

III. Two Responses to One Miracle (9:33–34)

- The crowds:
 - Amazed • Astonished • Wondering
- The Pharisees:
 - Resistant • Accusatory • Blaming Satan
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** - *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers...”*
- The same light: Softens some • Hardens others
- It is possible to see miracles and still remain blind.

IV. The Greater Reality

- Physical blindness points to a deeper condition.
- The Fall brought:
 - Separation from God • Death • Spiritual blindness
- Jesus restores:
 - Fellowship • Life • Spiritual sight
- **1 Corinthians 2:12** - *The Spirit enables us to understand what God has given.*
- We do not come to spiritual sight by intelligence.
- We come by the Spirit through the Word.

V. Walking by Faith, Not by Sight

- The blind men:
 - Could not rely on what they saw
 - Trusted the testimony of Scripture
 - Received sight
- The crowd:
 - Judged by appearance
 - Measured by expectations
 - Missed the Messiah
- **2 Corinthians 5:7** - *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*
- Faith trusts what God has said, even when circumstances suggest otherwise.