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SIGNS — of the — KING

The Sixth Sign of the King:
Healing of a Man Born Blind

I Once Was Blind

First

A Deep Question:

“ ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ~ JOHN 9:2b (NIV)

The Disciples Assumption:

The Law of _____; Suffering must be the consequence of some wrong doing.

Jesus' Answer:

Biblical Example: Job's Friends

“ ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned,’ said Jesus, ‘but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.’ ~ JOHN 9:3 (NIV)

- Refutes the myth that suffering is _____ the result of sin.

What role does sin play in our suffering?

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” ~ GALATIANS 6:7 (NIV)

The loving Lord disciplines His children for their correction. ~ HEBREWS 12:4-12

Sin _____ causes suffering, but suffering is not _____ caused by sin.

- Suffering is an opportunity for _____ to be on display.

“ God whispers to us in our pleasure... but shouts to us in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”
- CS Lewis, (*The Problem of Pain*)

The Miracle:

“ After saying 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.”

~ JOHN 9:6-7 (NIV)

Why does Jesus use spit and mud to heal this man?

- He is like God who creates man from the dust.
- Current belief that saliva had some medicinal value.
- Physical touch showed compassion.
- Reminder that Jesus can heal however He wants!

But Ultimately...We don't know for sure.

The Response:

“ What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.”
~ ISAIAH 5:20 (NLT)

The Neighbors:

1. Teach us not everyone will _____ your transformation, but will judge you on your past.

“ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, ‘Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?’⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ But he himself insisted, ‘I am the man.’”
~ JOHN 9:8-9 (NIV)

The Parents:

2. Teach us not everyone will be happy when you are _____ in Christ.

“ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents.¹⁹ ‘Is this your son?’ they asked. ‘Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?’

²⁰ ‘We know he is our son,’ the parents answered, ‘and we know he was born blind.’²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.’”
~ JOHN 9:18-21 (NIV)

The Pharisees:

3. Teach us that not everyone will believe that _____.

“ 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 perform such signs?’ So they were divided.”
~ JOHN 9:16 (NIV)

The Real Story:

“ He replied, ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!’” ~ JOHN 9:25 (NIV)

DISCUSSION Questions:

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- 1- Which do you think would be more difficult to be born without sight or born without hearing? Why?
- 2- How would you answer a friend who asked you what is the reason that someone was suffering? (Like the disciples asked Jesus in John 9:2)
- 3- How would you describe the role that sin plays in someones suffering?
- 4- Read John 9:3-7. Why do you think Jesus chose the method he did to heal this man? (Hint: Though people have made many suggestions, this may be one we will never know for sure.)
- 5- Read John 9:8-25. Review the responses of the Neighbors, the Parents and the Pharisees and how Pastor Glen described each response. When and where have you experienced negative responses to your faith in Christ?
- 6- The man’s response by sharing his own personal story of faith seems perfect in this situation. He says, “One thing I know is I was blind but now I see.” If, like this man, you had to sum up your story or your relationship with Christ in one sentence what would it be?

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