



## Week 3

# Nothing too Difficult

### Sermon Notes

#### John 9:1-12

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So, the man went and washed and came back seeing! His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!" They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!" "Where is he now?" They asked. "I don't know," he replied.

## 1. The Man Born Blind

- The man was recognized by his condition
- Who sinned? Jewish belief was that infirmities were caused or handed down by parents' sin
  - i. The question “*why?*” always appears with suffering.
  - ii. We live in a fallen, sin-filled world.
- When others worried about cause; Jesus focused on purpose.
- God did not cause the man to be blind – God used the man’s blindness to show His glory.
- The man was genetically born blind

## 2. Nothing is too difficult for Jesus

- The man did not ask for help
- People believed it was incurable when you were born blind
- Only a supernatural act could bring healing
- Jesus works and puts mud on the man’s eyes

## 3. The man’s obedience

- Jesus told the man to go wash in the pool of Siloam (which means sent)
- He went
- He washed
- He was healed
- **Our job is to simply pray and obey**

Jeremiah 32:17

**Oh, Lord God! Behold, You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you...**

## Questions to Consider

1. The disciples asked Jesus "why" this man was born blind. Why do we naturally gravitate toward asking "why" when facing pain or suffering?

2. The blind man never asked Jesus to heal him because he thought his condition was permanent. What "conditions" in your life have you accepted as permanent that God might want to change?
  
3. Jesus redirected the focus from "why" (the cause) to "who will get the glory" (the purpose). How can we make this shift in our own thinking?
  
4. The man had to obey Jesus' instructions to receive his healing. What's the difference between praying and waiting versus praying and obeying?
  
5. What is God currently asking you to obey in, even if you don't understand the "why"?

## Application

### This Week's Challenge

Choose one or more of the following:

**1. Option 1: Shift Your Question**

- Each time you're tempted to ask, "why is this happening?" intentionally replace it with "how can God get glory through this?"
- Journal about the difference this makes in your perspective.

**2. Option 2: Identify Your "Pool of Siloam"**

- What has God already told you to do that you haven't obeyed?
- Take one concrete step of obedience this week, even if you don't understand the full picture.

**3. Option 3: Break a Generational Pattern**

- Identify one negative pattern (fear, anxiety, addiction, financial struggle, relationship dysfunction) that has run in your family.
- Declare out loud: "This stops with me. I break this pattern in Jesus' name."
- Share this declaration with one trusted person for accountability.

#### **4. Option 4: Faith Over Feelings**

- Choose to believe God's Word over your current circumstances.
- Find a scripture that speaks to your situation and read it aloud daily.
- Report back to the group next week about how this practice affected your faith.

**★ Men, join us Thursday night @ 7pm!**

**Pray for one another**