

You are Never Alone

LESSON 4 – GOD IS WITH YOU IN THE DARK

“His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” John 9:2-5 (NIV)

When you experience the love of Christ for the first time, it can feel as if you are seeing for the first time. Jesus' love changes us, and it changes how we see the world, ourselves, and others.

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1. The disciples didn't really see the man. At least, not in the way that Jesus saw him, for they asked the question, why was this man **born blind**?

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- A. We often wonder if Jesus sees us in our **tribulation**. Does he understand our pain?
- B. We can find a **sovereign** God. Our pain has a **purpose**.
- C. The man received sight not because he deserved it, earned it, or found it but because he **obeyed the One** who was sent to “open eyes that are blind.”

Isaiah 42:7 (NIV) “to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

2. Jesus is our **light** and our **life**.

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5 (NIV)

3. The **darkness** is powerful and comes in many different forms.
Guilt, sin, trauma, anxiety, fear, and many others.
4. When you are in Christ, it is not that you will **never** experience these things again. Rather, it is in the midst of darkness, you will have the light of **hope** and **healing**.

If you believe in Jesus, he has given you this pledge: **John 10:28 (NCV)** *“I give them eternal life, and they will never die, and no one can steal them out of my hand.”* Apart from Christ we are all like the blind man beside the road. But Jesus finds us, applies his miracle to our eyes, and guides us out of the darkness.