

**Welcome Home, Roland and Faylene Beard**

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**Colossians 1:15-16** The **Son is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation. For **in him all things were created**: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him....

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**1. Jesus is El Roi, the God who Sees ME. (Genesis 16:13)**

**John 9:1-5** Jesus heals one blind from birth.

- a) God sees you in light of His love, not your **CONDITION**.
  - b) Not every condition is a **JUDGEMENT** from God
  - c) I have come to bring the **RECOVERY** of sight to the blind. (Luke 4:18-19)
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**2. Jesus is Elohim, the Creator of Heaven and Earth (and ME).**

**John 9:6-7**

- a) "Ex Nihilo" (Latin) **SOMETHING** "out of nothing" Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:3
  - b) Jesus' miracle power can not be reduced to a **FORMULA**.
  - c) How would you **RESPOND?**
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**3. Jesus is the Messiah (Mediator) of MY Righteousness.**

**John 9: 25, 30-33, 35-38**

- a) Jesus is my **INTERCESSOR**. Romans 8:34
  - b) Jesus **ANCHORS** me to the Throne of Grace. Hebrews 12:24
  - c) Jesus is **CALLING**. Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 3-4
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## Discuss and Reflect

1. Jesus says that man was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. How does this perspective challenge or reshape the way we view suffering in our own lives?
2. Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world." How does this statement connect to both the physical healing of the blind man and the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees later in the chapter?
3. Jesus instructs the blind man to go wash in the Pool of Siloam, and he obeys without question. What does this act of obedience teach us about faith and trusting God, even when we don't fully understand His instructions?
4. The disciples assumed the man's blindness was due to sin (v. 2), but Jesus reframes the situation. How does this passage challenge common assumptions we might make about people's struggles and circumstances?
5. Jesus uses mud and spit to heal the man, an unusual method. Why do you think Jesus chose this approach, and what does it teach us about God's ways of working in our lives?

Next Week

(The Raising of Lazarus)

Pastor Tom Johnson

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### **OUTREACH IS THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH**

Here are some upcoming opportunities to serve our community!

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH-12:30-2:00PM**

**PREP EASTER DOOR HANGER BAGS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH-10 AM-12 PM**

**DELIVER EASTER DOOR HANGER BAGS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**

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