

Open My Eyes

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God's miracles reveal and advance God's mission.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² 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. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ 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 9:1-7

God sees us even when we're not looking for him. (v. 1)

God uses brokenness as an opportunity to reveal his goodness and glory. (v.2-5)

- When facing challenges, choose to see them as opportunities for the God to be glorified.

Sometimes God works in a way we don't expect. (v. 6-7)

- When God wants to do something in your life, receive it the way he gives it (even if it comes with a little saliva).

The man's sin was not the cause of his physical condition, but it was the cause of his spiritual condition. (Romans 3:23; John 9:35-38)

- God not only brings physical healing, but also spiritual healing.
- When our sin keeps us from experiencing "the light of life", God has a solution. (v. 5; John 8:12)

God is calling each of us to be immersed in His mission—to see as He sees, and to spread His message of salvation and healing to all. (v. 4, 7)

- When God does a miracle in your life, you have a story to tell.

Let's Connect

- Do you wear glasses?

Let's Talk About It

When Jesus healed the blind man, He explained that challenges in life are not always because of sin. Sometimes God allows adversity to accomplish His greater purpose. In healing the blind man, Jesus uses spit and mud to heal the man's vision. God will often meet our needs, but it may not be how we expect. But it will always involve using our faith and taking a step of obedience. When God allows us to see the miracle and be a part with Him, our faith is built, and God gets all the glory!

John 9:1-7, 8-34, 35-38; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 8:6; John 14:12; John 20:21

- Which part of the message impacted and challenged you?
- Read John 9:1-7. Share about a time when God worked, but it wasn't the way you expected.
- Describe the attitude of Jesus' disciples in 9:2 and the Pharisees in 9:16, 41. In contrast, describe the blind man's perspective in 9:7, 25, 38. What do you notice? Who are you in this story? Why?
- Where do you need a miracle? How can you invite God into every type of need you have, physical, emotional, relational? What would it look like to remove the boundaries of what you expect to trust Him to do something different?
- Have you shared what God has done in your life with others? If not, who can you share with?

Take a Step

- Take a next step in your walk with Christ and attend our upcoming Growth Track (March 5) and/or Discipleship Track (March 4 & 11).
- Invite God into the area of your life where you need a miracle. Trust Him, use your faith and see what God can do.

Here's My Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to invite You into my life in every area. I am grateful that you provide all that I need in miraculous and ordinary ways.. Lord, would You advance Your Kingdom through me and through miracles in my life? In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.