

LIVING HOPE

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - Dena
- Scripture Reading John 8:31 – 32; 41 – 47 ESV - Ed
- Worship Music - *Open the Eyes of My Heart (Michael W. Smith)*
- John Week 15 Video
- Discussion: *The Blind Man* – TBD
- Prayer Requests - Sharon
- Closing Prayer - Sharon



THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

THE BLIND MAN

John 9 (ESV)

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9 (ESV)

6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

John 9 (ESV)

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

John 9 (ESV)

28 And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.”

John 9 (ESV)

32 “Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

John 9 (ESV)

37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

The Point

I was blind. I met Jesus. Now I see.

If that's true for you, who needs to hear your story of salvation?

**How Does This Bible Passage
Relate to My Situation Today?**



How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Just as Jesus saw the blind man's deeper needs, we can trust that Jesus sees our struggles & provides strength for the journey.
- The blindness in the story reminds us that God's glory can shine even in the frailty & confusion of dementia.
- Like the blind man's obedience to wash in the pool, we can find hope & peace through obedient faith & daily reliance on God.

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Sharing how God sustains us through challenges can inspire others & glorify Him.
- Just as the healed man faced opposition, we can use criticism or misunderstanding as a chance to share God's faithfulness.
- We can prioritize helping our loved one experience God's love, even when their memory or comprehension fades.

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- The blind man's confession of Jesus as Lord reminds us to focus on God's light amidst the challenges of dementia.
- Just as the blind man didn't know the full outcome, we can trust Jesus to guide us step by step.
- The blind man's simple yet profound testimony encourages us to share how Jesus sustains us, providing comfort & hope to others.

Discussion Questions

- How does the blind man's obedience to Jesus' command to wash in the pool relate to the steps of faith we must take in our journey?
- In what ways can God's glory be revealed through the challenges of caring for our loved one?
- How does the blind man's transformation inspire you to share your story of faith with others?
- How can the statement "I was blind. I met Jesus. Now I see." be a source of hope & encouragement in your caregiving role?



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