

BETTER *word*

Week 1

John 9:6-12 [NLT]

⁶ Then [Jesus] spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. ⁷ He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! ⁸ 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?" ⁹ Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!"

But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!"

¹⁰ They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?"

¹¹ 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!"

¹² "Where is he now?" they asked.

"I don't know," he replied.

THE MAN

John 9:17-22 [NLT]

¹⁷ Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What's your opinion about this man who healed you?"

The man replied, "I think he must be a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. ¹⁹ They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?"

²⁰ His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue.

PROPHET

25 "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

John 9:35-38 [NLT]

35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

37 "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"

38 "Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

LORD

***"Faith never knows
where it is being led, but
it loves and knows the
One who is leading."***

- Oswald Chambers

How we **RESPOND** to Jesus
determines how he responds to us.

Whenever God chooses to heal,
it's always for our **GOOD**
and for His **GLORY**.

Romans 8:28a [NIV]
*And we know that in
all things God works
for the good of those
who love him...*

Where do faith & faithfulness need to
converge for something **BETTER**?



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue through Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive full life in God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: Read/Review John 9.

- :: What stands out to you in this passage?
- :: What do you find most encouraging?
- :: What do you find most challenging?

:: Share a time you, or someone you know, needed to experience healing. What happened? How does the John 9 passage relate with that experience or not?

:: Theologian Oswald Chambers said, “Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.”

- :: What are some practical implications of that reality?
- :: What does it look like to have [and live by] a faith that “loves”?
- :: What does it look like to have [and live by] a faith that “knows”?
- :: What is one thing you can do to love and know Jesus better?

:: Take time to ask someone you trust to pray for you as you take that next step.

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