

John 9 – A Great Testimony

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.”

Observations:

At that time, people thought if you were born with a malady, that it was associated with the sin of the parents. In this case, it was not true. His condition was a divine opportunity for God to demonstrate His power and deliver a message to others through this man’s testimony.

Jesus uses this opportunity to teach us that we have work to do. The same work he was called to do, is the same work we are called to do. We don’t have to wait, the time is now to put that work in before the crazy darkness really kicks in. Jesus is the light of the world; we are the light of the world as well when we follow him. See Matthew 5:14-16.

- Everybody’s got a little light under the Son.

Application: God can take your right now condition and use it so that His works might be displayed in you. Jesus will use your condition to produce a miracle that will lead others to the light of truth. You just might not have seen it yet, but when your eyes are open, oh my, you will see your story is for His glory.

Notice, the man wasn’t looking for Jesus, Jesus was looking for him. He’s still looking for you, will you pick up what he is asking you to do?

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.

Observations: Jesus anoints the man and sends him to the pool. Jesus knows during this time of year, there will be plenty of people hanging around the pool. The man obeys the instructions. Obedience is an important part of your breakthrough. If you can’t obey, you won’t see your way out of your condition.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

Observations: When Jesus gets involved in your condition, when you start obeying his word, people won’t really recognize you. Jesus is still the answer to changing your life. The people who used to know him before, are really interested in his change and his miracle. They walked by him before, he’s got them interested now.

Application: When Jesus comes into your life, and you accept his instructions, a life changing event will happen in your life. When people see the change in you, they will want to know how you made it through your last season. They will want to know your story and how Jesus did it, and where Jesus is now.

They must want a miracle and change in their lives too. Someone is going to be interested in you because of what Jesus will do in you. That’s how I got saved. I saw someone had what I needed...peace!

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Observations: They brought the man to church folks so he could tell his story. Don’t be surprised if church folks invite you to tell your story.

Some church folks don’t believe his story. Don’t be surprised if church folk don’t believe your story.

Notice, the man formerly known as the blind beggar, doesn’t really know much about Jesus. He calls him a prophet which is true, but Jesus is much more than that. But he still knows more about Jesus than they do.

Don’t discount your testimony just because you’re just getting started. Just tell them what He did for you to open your eyes and give you hope. You are an expert in that area. Reference Andy’s comments to me.

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his



eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

Church is good, relationship is better.

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?”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.”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.

Observations: This is one of the most powerful testimonies I’ve found in the Bible. Simple, truthful, from a person who was not an expert on Jesus.

I don’t know a lot about Jesus, but what I do know is that I used to be blind, but now I see. What did you used to be that he can change and turn around?

This is amazing, some church folks don’t really know Jesus like you do.

The Pharisees cast him out? Why? What would they need to do in order to believe? Follow the steps. Even church-folks must follow the spiritual principles.

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?”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.

Observations and Applications: Don’t be discouraged if some people don’t believe your story. They persecuted the prophets also, so you are in good company. Notice what Jesus does....he looks for the man and provides greater revelation.

Those who don’t see spiritually, would come to see. Those that think they are already seeing and self-righteous may recognize that they are blind.



If they (Pharisees were blind and realized it, they would be in right standing with God. Because they don't see Jesus standing right in front of them, they are still in their sins.

Jesus will look for you too when things don't happen like you thought. Why? To encourage you to believe and provide greater revelation and draw you closer in worship and relationship.

Note: he couldn't worship at church, but he could worship in truth out there with Jesus.