

Bootcamp for the Soul: Redefined
John 9:1-41

1. Upon seeing the man blind from birth, the disciples asked Jesus in V2, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Have you used the same human logic to attribute blame and responsibility on others before? If yes, how has this sermon impacted your thinking now?

2. In V6, Jesus saw the blind man but did not heal him immediately. Instead he “made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes”, and told him to go and wash it in a specific place, at the Pool of Siloam.

We know all things are possible for Jesus, then why do you think Jesus went through all these steps instead of simply healing the blind man right there and then?

If you were the blind man, and given a choice, how would you have preferred the healing to take effect? Explain your answer.

3. In V13-16, instead of being awed by the healing power of Jesus, and recognizing the “Sign” pointing to the true identity of who Jesus was, as prophesied in Isaiah 42:7, the Pharisees chose to focus on Jesus doing work on Sabbath, and went on to conclude that “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” (V16) and “We know this man is a sinner.” (V24)

What do you think is/are the cause(s) of their “blindness”?

4. In stark contrast, the man, a beggar, who was blind from birth (now healed), assumingly unlearned, “lectured” the Pharisees to their exasperation (V24-34).

List a few phrases that show that he’s not only healed from physical blindness, but he has gained spiritual vision as well.

5. Brother Lawrence, in his sermon, shared that the man born blind “suffered the rejection of others but received the acceptance of God”. How does this truth speak to you?