

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

John 9

JOHN 9:25

*"He answered,
"Whether he is a
sinner I do not know.
One thing I do know,
that though I was
blind, now I see."*

An incredible story is found in John 9, where Jesus uses a reasonably unconventional method, to heal a blind man. This individual was born blind, and the assumption from Jesus' disciples was that this was a result of sin.

Side note - How often do we do the same thing? We see someone suffering or facing a challenging circumstance, and our default posture is to assume they "deserve it." Let us be a people that are slow to judge and quick to show compassion.

Jesus graciously explains to His disciples that this is not a result of sin, but there is a purpose, and that is the *"works of God might be displayed in him."* At this point, Jesus bends down, spits in the dirt and makes some mud. He rubs the mud on the blind man's eyes and instructs him to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam. The man does so, and he is healed of his blindness.

Then we have the Pharisees. They are upset because Jesus healed on the sabbath. They make a bold claim and call Jesus a "sinner." I love how the blind man responds, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

Life is full of people, places and circumstances that are out of our control. Our logic does not bind God to heal and restore difficult people, places, and circumstances. As you go about your day, remind yourself not so much what you do not know but what you do know. When we are asked, "How can you have such peace?" or "Why are you the way you are?" We can say with confidence that Jesus has opened our eyes, and we now see.

We see our own sin for what it is, and we see our Saviour who paid for that sin on the cross. We have a God who is ruling and reigning over everything that is happening in our world. He deeply loves us and will provide all we need, even if it is not how we draw it up.

Friends, we might not know many things, but we do know this. We were blind, and now we see. Our spiritual blindness being removed is our reason for hope, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. Our reason is not a circumstance; our reason is a person. His name is Jesus.