

Week #6: Jesus Heals a Blind Man

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⁶⁻⁷ He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, "Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "Sent"). The man went and washed—and saw.

John 9:1-3, 6-7 (MSG)

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"⁹ Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

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¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

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John 9:35-41 (MSG)

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"...Celebrate this: God selected the world's foolish to bring shame upon those who think they are wise; likewise, He selected the world's weak to bring disgrace upon those who think they are strong. ²⁸ God selected the common and the castoff, whatever lacks status, so He could invalidate the claims of those who think those things are significant. ²⁹ So it makes no sense for any person to boast in God's presence. ³⁰ Instead, credit God with your new situation: you are united with Jesus the Anointed.

1 Corinthians 1:27-30 (VOICE)

- A move of God might not be your _____.
- A move of God will require your _____.

What do you do when you don't know what God is doing?

- Release your ______ of ____God will do and _____He will do it.
- When you don't _____, God _____, you to use what you _____.
- When you don't know what God is going to do _____, do what God says to do _____.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is something you are praying for where you can release your expectations?
- 2. What is something you have to enjoy God or enjoy others, in the season you're in?
- 3. What is one way you can participate with God and take a step of obedience today?

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