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How Were Your Eyes Opened?

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Today's Scripture: John 9:1-12

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" ⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE WHO CHALLENGED YOUR FAITH IN JESUS?

- You need to know what you believe
- You need to know why you believe it
- You need to remember how you have personally experienced Jesus

YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED

- The man born blind knew what had happened to him
- He knew he had been healed by Jesus
- He knew how it happened, where it happened, and Who had healed him
- You cannot be silenced as long as you hold steady to your personal experience of

- Christ
- All you have to be able to do is share your story
 - This is who I was without Jesus
 - This is how I met Jesus
 - This is how knowing Jesus has changed me

YOU HAVE TO BE READY TO TAKE YOUR STAND

“If You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Mark 9:22

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” Mark 9:23

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24

- If you are willing to be openly identified with Christ, you discover there is real freedom in standing out in the crowd
- *“Give God the glory! We know this Man is a sinner.” John 9:24*
- *“Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” John 9:25*
- If you belong to Jesus, the answers you have are the answers that matter most

YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO YOU STAND FOR

- He did not find Jesus; Jesus found him
- Jesus is always reaching out to people
- *“Do you believe in the Son of God?” John 9:35*
- *“Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” John 9:36*
- *“Lord, I believe!” John 9:38*
- The ones whose faith will last know that they have surrendered their lives to one person – Jesus Christ