

Series: Encounters With Christ

Jesus and the Man Born Blind

John 9:1-11 (NIV)

Introduction

- Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would bring sight to the blind because He is the light of the world.

Isaiah 35:5

⁵ *Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. (NIV)*

Isaiah 29:18

⁸ *In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. (NIV)*

Isaiah 42:7

. . . to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. (NIV)

1. SOMETIMES WE ENCOUNTER ILLNESS SO THAT GOD CAN BRING GLORY TO HIMSELF BY HEALING US. (vv. 1-3)

- Sin always has consequences but not all bad things in our lives are a result of our sin.
- Sometimes we are given difficult circumstances so that we might learn absolute dependence upon God.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (TEV)

But his answer was: "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me.

2. WE ARE ALL GIVEN A PURPOSE IN LIFE. (v. 4)

- We are given an assignment while we are here.

Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

- Time is short, so we must work while we can.

Hebrews 10:37 (NIV)

For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay."

3. JESUS FULLY UNDERSTOOD HIS PURPOSE WHILE ON EARTH. (v. 5)

- Jesus came to bring the light of salvation to mankind.

John 8:12 (CEV)

Once again Jesus spoke to the people. This time he said, "I am the light for the world! Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life."

- We are given the baton to tell others.

Matthew 5:14 (Msg)

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill."

4. WHEN GOD WORKS IN OUR LIVES, WE SHOULD TELL OTHERS ABOUT IT. (vv. 6-11)

- Healing comes as a sovereign act of God.

Deuteronomy 32:39 (CEV)

Don't you understand? I am the only God; there are no others. I am the one who takes life and gives it again. I punished you with suffering. But now I will heal you, and nothing can stop me!

- When God moves in our lives, we must testify.

Mark 5:19 (TEV)

But Jesus would not let him. Instead, he told him, "Go back home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how kind he has been to you."