



Believing You Can See Beyond Your Limitations
(Misunderstanding Your Limitations)
(John 9:1-41)

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1. **Seeing** Beyond Your Limitations (Mark 10:46-52)
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Balancing Thought: You will never see everything perfectly. You will always grow in your ability to see. You will always walk by faith and not by sight.

Statement: Sometimes sincere people can limit you and block you from experiencing what they have never experienced.

**Four Observations About
the Limits in This Story**

Statement: The disciples had a limiting view of the blind man's potential and circumstances. They assumed that he or his parents had done something wrong. This view was shaped by a cultural and religious assumptions that people with issues have sinned

1. The Disciples Had a Limited Perspective About the Blind Man

- 1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, **who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?**"

2. The Lord Broadens The Limited Perspective of the Disciples

- 3 "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned,**" said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

3. The Lord Crosses a Cultural Limit to Teach Them (He spit on the ground)

- 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

4. The Blind Man Ignored of His Peers

- 8 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.”10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.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.”12 “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said. ([John 9:1–12](#), NIV)

Five Lessons We Can Learn From This Story

1. Your personal views or the views of those around you can **limit** you.
2. When is the last time you admitted that you were wrong and **limiting** yourself or others?
3. Who do you know that seems to have an **unlimited** list of different but progressive views?
4. Who do you know that has used unconventional approaches and had great success?
5. Are you surrounded by people who **limit your potential**?

Four Lessons That Can Unlock Your Potential

1. Realize Your Perspective Can Limit You

- Your own mindset—or the opinions of others—can hold you back.

2. Realize Self-Awareness Is the Beginning of Change

- When was the last time you challenged your own thinking?

3. Realize the Value of Surrounding Yourself with Progressive Thinkers

- Who in your life consistently offers new, forward-moving ideas

4. Realize God Can Work Through Unconventional Methods

- Sometimes solutions don’t look like what you expect.
- Be open to unexpected answers.

Next Time: Why Does It Takes So Long To Get Past Your Limitations (Mark 8:22-26)