



Do What He Says
John 9:1-3; 9:6-11
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Opening Question: What areas of your life are you consistent in?

Are you consistent in: Rest, fitness, managing your finances, choosing peace, choosing to forgive, you fill in the blank...

Intro:

The Bible is your recipe book. It gives us instructions that help us be consistent and navigate the ends and outs of this world. We have to commit to doing what it says.

Today, I want to show you a story of a man who received his healing because he did what Jesus said.

The Story of the Blind Man John 9:1-3, 6-11

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?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

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. 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."

Three Things We Learn From This Story

1. God can see us in our dark season

- Psalms 34:15, The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

2. What we face is an opportunity for God to display his good works



- Don't mislabel your season or allow others to mislabel it. Allow God to work it together for your good.
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3. God always does his part, but you must participate even when it doesn't make sense

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Conclusion

Question: What are you not seeing because you won't follow the manual that God gave us?

Statement: Even during real-life feelings, I encourage you to keep going back to your instructions.

1) When you're overwhelmed

- **Isaiah 41:10** *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

2) When you're lonely

- **Deuteronomy 31:8** *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

3) When you're worried. (God feeds the birds so surely he will take care of you.)

- **Matthew 6:26-27.** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

4) When your kids are driving you crazy. (Congratulations you have a gift from God.)

- **Psalms 127:3** *Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.*

5) When you're struggling with trusting the manual



- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Question: What happens when we don't follow the written word of God?

Answer: You miss out on the fullness of what God has for you.

- Truth
- Accountability
- Correction
- Training to know how to do things God's way
- Being shaped for the task God has for you.

Closing Question: What can you do today to apply the Bible's recipes for your life?

Answer: Commit to the instructions that are written in the word of God so when people experience you, they experience Christ.