

MEDITATION 5: HOW TO GIVE GLORY

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him: "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE."
- JOHN 9:24-26

When Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath, he causes a commotion. The healed man is asked by the Pharisees and his neighbors to explain what happened; and the man does.

While everyone around him is questioning his healing, and if Jesus is who he says he is, the healed man is fixed on one thing: what he knows. "I went and washed and received my sight," he says. "I was blind, and now I see."

The Pharisees tell him to give glory to God but not to Jesus—something that isn't possible; Jesus and his Father are always connected. Confusing his listeners, the man does give glory to God—by saying again what he knows to be true.

When we don't know everything, we give glory to God by honestly sharing what God has done for us.

In the first words of John chapter 9, Jesus sees the blind man. By the end of the chapter, the man has seen Jesus—and it's the Pharisees who can't see who Jesus is.

Today: What has Jesus changed about your life? When we answer that question, we give glory to God—regardless of our imperfect understanding, and regardless of what others might think.

When we give God the glory he deserves, we can see everything more clearly.

