

THE GOSPEL STORY  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Good News for a Change  
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John 9: Jesus heals the blind man

John 9:1-7

- The first thing this man most likely saw was his own reflection in the water...
- Jesus helped this man see himself for who he was for the first time. physically, and then spiritually

### **Physical to the Spiritual**

- Common belief in biblical times was that if something bad had happened to you, it was because of some sin you or your parents had committed.

**Our spiritual blindness is what keeps us from life changing experiences with Jesus.**

### **1 Follow Jesus' instructions**

I struggle with slowing down to see what God is doing. I often refuse to slow down enough to let Jesus' plan work and or take effect.

- This man had to let Jesus' plan work out. If he tried to do it his own way he would not have a life changing experience with Jesus.

**Jesus was always very intentional with what he did, and what he said.**

### **2 Trust Jesus' Intentions**

9:16 This man cannot be from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.

- Instead of looking for ways to do things our way, or make excuses for why we refuse to let Jesus do life changing things, we should more often look for reasons to let Jesus work

### **3 See Jesus' Image**

This passage began with a healing of physical blindness, and it ends with the need to be healed through spiritual blindness

Vs 39: For judgment I have come into the world, so that the blind would see, and those that see would become blind.

- Where are you blind? Where has Jesus helped you see?