The Eyes of Faith

Ken Chapman · John 9:1–41

INTRODUCTION

- And that really highlights the fact of the importance of eyesight.
- We understand the value of seeing, whether it be physical sense of sight, or whether it's used in that expressive form of coming to some understanding.

1 Jesus Heals a Man Blind from Birth

John 9:1–7

- That's not the explanation for his blindness, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.
- As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- More important than that is going to be the spiritual light that he will experience because of this interaction with Jesus.
- So he went and washed and came back seeing.

2 I Was Blind, But Now I See

John 9:16; John 9:25; John 9:33

- He was destroying not the Sabbath law, but he was destroying their man-made concept of what the Sabbath day was supposed to be.
- One thing I know that I was blind, but now I see.
- If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.
- Jesus heard that he had been cast out, and when he found him, he said to him, Do you believe in the Son of God?

3 The Progression of His Faith

John 9:37–38

- One of the most profound things about this miracle is not the miracle itself, but it is the progression of this man's faith.
- As he is presented with more evidence and more information, his faith grows.
- Our faith needs to grow as we get more information.
- And so our faith should grow as this man's faith grew.

4 Accept the Evidence; Faith Demands Reason

Romans 1

- The second lesson is we need to accept the evidence that we're given. There is enough evidence.
- Romans chapter 1 lays out the fact that God is here. And he has made himself known.
- Faith is not an enemy of reason. You don't check your brains at the door when you become a Christian.

- And he reasoned within himself. It was a logical decision to come to faith.

5 His Parents Blinded by Their Fear

John 9:22

- This should have been the greatest day of their life.
- They should have run to Jesus. But they had no faith. And they were blinded by their fear.
- Fear of the repercussions of their social circles or their family, what they might say about them or do to them if they obey the gospel.
- Maybe just the fear of change.

6 The Pharisees Blinded by Prejudice

John 9:39–41

- The parents were blinded by fear. The Pharisees were blinded by prejudice.
- It doesn't matter what I've always believed, what I've always thought, what my parents always believed and taught me. What do the scriptures say?
- For judgment I've come into this world that those who do not see may see, and those who see may be made blind.
- If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, We see, therefore, your sin remains.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you recognize that in your own sense, in your own ways, you are blind? Are you blinded by fear, blinded by prejudice? Well then why not open your eyes this morning and see the truth of God's word?**

MY NOTES