# Was Blind But Now I See

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## INTRODUCTION

- There's also much to be learned from the actions of Jesus. And the interactions of Jesus with other people.
- I'd like for us to use this as our text this morning to see what we can learn about faith from this simple man.

## 1 A Man Blind From Birth

**John 9:1–3**

- Now as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from birth.
- You had one job path if you were born blind. You're going to be a beggar.
- Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God may be revealed in him.
- Jesus is going to use this blindness as an opportunity to glorify God.

## 2 He Went and Washed and Came Back Seeing

**John 9:5–7**

- So he went and washed and came back seeing.
- At what point did he receive the healing? It's not when he went. It was when he went and washed.
- When he had done what the Lord had told him, he came back seeing.

## 3 One Thing I Know: I Was Blind, Now I See

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

- Whether he's a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.
- But he was smarter than every one of them in the room.
- You grow to love him because he's not going to be intimidated.
- If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

## 4 The Progression of His Faith

**John 9:11; John 9:17; John 9:38**

- Let's think about the progression of his faith.
- I know his name. His name is Jesus. He's a prophet. He's from God. All the way to Lord, I believe.
- The more we see God's blessings in our life, the more evidence that we're presented with, the more our faith should grow.
- The second application is accept the evidence that we're given. Open your eyes.
- You are not intellectually inferior because you believe that God created the heavens and the earth.

## 5 The Pharisees Were Blinded by Their Prejudice

- If anybody had been trained and set up to believe that Jesus was the Christ, it was the Pharisees. But they didn't.
- Pardon the pun, but they were blinded by their prejudice.
- Prejudice is a horrible thing. Because prejudice blinds us to the reality.
- Many times people are blind because, and I hate to say this, because they want to be.

## 6 His Parents Were Blinded by Fear

**John 9:22**

- They saw the great work of God. It was right in their own home. And yet they had no faith.
- They were blinded by fear. Just like I was that day in the woods. I didn't want to see.
- Maybe it's the fear of rejection by their parents or their friends. Maybe it's the fear of the changes that they would have to make in their life.
- Maybe it's the fear that they won't be able to do it. They won't be able to live the Christian life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you would admit you were blind, if you would admit your affliction, your illness, then you would truly be healed.**

MY NOTES