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THE CAUSES AND CURES FOR BLINDNESS

Jesus says: "I am the light of the world." (v. 5)

CONTEXT:

Four Reasons Jesus Performed Miracles:

- To _____ suffering
- To ______ truth
- To _____ hypocrisy
- To _____ authority

JOHN 9

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His 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. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After 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 ...





Like the disciples ... I can be blinded by

misplaced _____

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (v. 2)

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The Result:

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Like the parents ... I can be blinded by

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His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." (vv. 22-23)

The Result:

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Like the Pharisees ... I can be blinded by

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A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." (v. 24)

We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind." (vv. 31-32)

The Result: _____

Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. (v. 41)

WHAT CURES BLINDNESS?

When I Believe That ...



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

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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."** (v. 11)

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (v. 25)

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Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and **when he found him,** he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" (v. 35)



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Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. (v. 38)