

# The Gospel of John Part 46-48: Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

## John 9:1-12



*John 9:1-12 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his*

*parents sinned, but this was so that the works of God might be manifested in him. 4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, made clay of the saliva, and rubbed the clay on his eyes, 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. 8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?" 9 Others were saying, "This is he," still others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one." 10 So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and rubbed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so when I went away and washed, I received sight." 12 And they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."*

**1) Our Hope is Revealed When We Receive Jesus in Our Problem.** Jesus sees a man who was blind from birth. This is a man whose life was defined by his circumstances which left him with a feeling of hopelessness. But this all began to change when he received Jesus in his

problem. We may experience periods of hopelessness in life. These are the times when the only solution to our problem is one that comes from Jesus. As Christians, we can invite Him in, expect His arrival, and be ready to receive Him when He shows up in our problem.

### **2) Our Hope is Realized When We Believe and Obey Jesus in Our Problem.**

When Jesus arrived in the blind man's problem He did two things in the life of the man. Jesus did a work and spoke a word directly aimed at delivering this man from his hopelessness. All that was required for the man to realize the hope that Jesus offered was to believe the work and obey the word that he brought. In our lives, Jesus has a work and word that speaks directly to our hopelessness. Whether it is salvation and eternal life, or our daily circumstances, Jesus does what is required and speaks the truth for us to hear. It may be that all we need to realize the hope that Jesus offers in our lives is faith and movement, or to believe and "go" in the direction Jesus has spoken for our circumstances.

### **3) Our Hope is Renewed When We Testify About Jesus in Our Problem.**

After Jesus healed the man who was blind from birth many people wanted to know how this happened in the man's life. It was clear to all who were present and involved in this man's life that something transformational occurred. Thought this man did not know all the details about Jesus, he carried with him a personal testimony of what Jesus did, and he told others about it. Our testimony concerning what Jesus has done in our lives is the source of our renewal as we tell others about Christ. When we give a reason for the hope that is now within us, we are remembering where we came from and what Jesus did to change our lives and our circumstances. This testimony keeps the hope of Jesus fresh in our hearts and can cause others to look for Jesus in their hopelessness.