

Topic	The Blind Can See
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It is a very unique passage if you look in the whole book of John. It is unique because the whole story is beautiful and John describes spiritual lessons by use of rhetorical technique called 'irony'. It is very ironic, the one who is blind actually sees and the one who sees actually becomes blind, if you look at all the subtleties inside this passage. We have three points this morning:

- A. We all start off spiritually blind
- B. Life begins when we let His light in
- C. Judgment comes when we keep His Light out

A. WE ALL START OFF SPIRITUALLY BLIND

*John 9:1-2 (ESV) As he passed by, he saw a **man blind from birth**. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

BACKGROUND: Here we actually have a situation where a man is born blind. So therefore this is a parable within a set of events where John specifically picks and unless, if you just focus on the story itself, you are going to miss the whole bunch of things. So you need to look at the Gospel of John. Gospel of John starts of in chapter 1 when he describes 'in the beginning there was word and word was God and is with God'.

Then we read in John 1:4-5.. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
John 1:9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

So the first 18 verses sets the stage, is called the prologue and from this you jump off in the various themes in the Book of John and then you have got chapter 3

John 3:19-21 (ESV) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

So here you actually have two kinds of people, the light comes to the world, the light is the life of man and there are two kinds of people, those who accept the light and those who don't accept the light. Then you have got John chapter 8 where Jesus stands up and tells people,

John 8:12 (ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Then only you come in the nice parable at the end, which will actually put into practical dimensions, what this idea of light and darkness which John is actually eluding too. So here we have the last festival, the tabernacle of the lights, you have got the booths to remind the people that they are living in the wilderness in the past. They will sacrifice 70 bulls to remind people that sin has to be atoned for. There will be daily trumpets, they will collect the water and Jesus is the water of life and then every night there will be a torch parade and the temple will be lit up and it is here where Jesus tells people that I am the light of life, I am the light of the world whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Now with that statement then we launch into John chapter 9. There are two kinds of people there and one is a blind man who sees light and the other one, the whole bunch of Pharisees who are seeing but become blind. They are both metaphors for spiritual blindness. That means they are symbols. The whole idea is how do you actually respond to the light?

Here you have a picture of the blind man who has never seen light in his life, he lives in a dimension where all he does is actually feel. It is a terrible situation and they are hardly ever cured. He has never been into the temple as blind people are not allowed in the temple. He is totally ostracized, cast out, he cannot earn a living.

John 9:8 (ESV) The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

This is actually a picture of spiritual blindness. While we cannot actually see, we only experience the dimension of life where we can't even dream, we cannot even imagine. Spiritual life is so beyond us that we cannot even imagine what spiritual life is like and this is a picture of spiritual blindness.

John 9:1-2 (ESV) As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Here we have heartless disciples walking pass by this poor man and the first question they ask is, why was he blind, is it because he has sinned or because the parents sin. Jesus answered

John 9:3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

So there is a question of sin and suffering. The first thing you have to note that whenever you have got an illness, in the Old Testament in that time the first thing you will think is that you have sin. There is this idea of specific sin with specific suffering and there is evidence that happens, you have got Miriam who did rebellion against Moses in Numbers 12 and she was hit with leprosy. You have got Corinthians who disrespected the Lord's supper and they had illness

and death and then you have got sin due to genetic solidarity that has been passed on actually because of somethings from the parents.

*John 5:14 (ESV) Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! **Sin no more**, that nothing worse may happen to you."*

So there is this idea of sin related to illness. That's why when Job was ill and he was scrubbing off all this skin disease that he had, his friends came to encourage him, you are sick because you have sinned. But in this particular case

*John 9:3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, **but that the works of God might be displayed in him.**"*

Theologians are divided on this. Was this man made blind by God in order that he may glorify him or the fact that actually Jesus is avoiding the question, he is not saying why he is born blind, he is just saying, as a result of being born blind I could use this result and glorify God. If you look at purpose, God is sovereign

Exodus 4:11 (ESV) Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

Psalms 139:13 (ESV) For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

So there could be a case made for that and then you have got

*John 11:3-4 (ESV) So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is **for the glory of God**, so that the **Son of God may be glorified through it.**"*

So the death of Lazarus through this illness was actually used or designed so that Jesus would gain glory by healing him or raising him from the dead. Now the moment you say this, people will react. Oprah Winfrey says, 'He demands that he and no one else get our highest allegiance and affection. It didn't sound loving to her. God is jealous? ..didn't feel right'

Brad Pitt says, 'I didn't understand this idea of a God who says, 'You have to acknowledge me. You have to say that I'm the best, and then I'll give you eternal happiness. If you won't, then you don't get it!' It seemed to be about ego. I can't see God operating from ego, so it made no sense to me.'

When you say, it is for the glory of God, people get a bit agitated. Pierre-Paul Thomas is a Canadian who was blind from birth. One day he was going down the stairs and he fell down. When he fell down, he fractured the orbital bones around his eyes and he was rushed to hospital and there the doctors noticed he had a congenital condition where his eyes were

swinging back and forth called nystagmus and as well there were cataracts. Actually the fall was a good thing. He fell and they actually corrected the fractures and took off the cataracts and the first time in his life he actually saw. They ask him as he was suffering all this time, what do you feel about it. He said, it is bad luck but that's how it is.

So some people when they approach suffering they say bad luck, that's how it is.

- If you are Buddhist, you will say it is your fault but never mind it is not real. Suffering is an illusion.
- If you are a Hindu, they say suffering is your fault because of Karma. You are now suffering because in your previous life you have done bad things.
- If you are an Epicuran you say, it is nobody's fault, you don't worry about it.
- If you are a stoic, you say it is life deal with it.

We all have various responses to suffering, but here Jesus says,

*John 9:3-5 (ESV) Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be **displayed in him**.*

Suffering can only have its ultimate meaning in relationship to God, you notice that. Everything else, doesn't make sense unless you link your suffering to some work which God is going to work in your life, otherwise it is nothing. In this particular case, Jesus answered

*John 9:3-5 (ESV) Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be **displayed in him**. 4 We must **work the works** of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**"*

Now this has to be related to that. So basically what he is saying, when Jesus is in the world it is like light, you can work. When Jesus is away, it is dark. There is less light. So basically this is a phrase that actually is the key to interpretation. The blind man is blind with the result that this healing will show that Jesus is the light of the world. So it is actually the glory of God for the good of man. Mankind lives in darkness and the light comes into the world and the light is the life of man, if you reject the light you have no life. If you accept the light, you have life. So therefore why is God glorified. God is glorified, so you can actually see that he is the one that you need to go to, that he is the light, otherwise you remain in darkness. Jesus is glorified and shown to be the light, so that it actually saves us. It is not about God's ego as Brad Pitt said.

John 9:13-16 (ESV) They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

So the Pharisees weren't very believing. They are perfectly normal people. They are theologically educated, but they couldn't see. Pharisees are also spiritually blind because they choose not to see.

John 9:39 (ESV) Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

That is the predicament of those who see and those who cannot see. They are both spiritually blind. Now the important thing is the response

B. LIFE BEGINS WHEN WE LET HIS LIGHT IN

*John 9:4-7 (ESV) We must work the **works of him who sent me** while it is **day; night is coming, when no one can work.***

This refers to the presence of Jesus.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

This is a bit strange. I mean Jesus can snap his fingers, you can see, why you bother to spit and then make mud and then put in your eyes and then ask you to go to the pool and wash in the pool of Siloam and then John brackets the Pool of Siloam, this pool is called sent.

If you look in the map of Jerusalem, it was surrounded by ancient walls. When people come and attack your country, the most important supply is water. So you got to have water. So there was Gihon Spring. In the Gihon Spring what they do is actually flows through a tunnel called Hezekiah's tunnel. It goes all the way down and it goes onto the pool of Siloam and the run off into the pool of David. So whatever happen, the city will always have water because the pool of Siloam actually saves their lives.

In those days Isaiah meets Ahaz the king here and Ahaz the king is being attacked by the Assyrians. He either gives in to Assyrians and follow them or he fight against them and Isaiah was telling him, look you have got to trust God. You have got to rely on him, don't rely on Assyrians, they will destroy you and so therefore he met Ahaz at the waters of Siloam. Ahaz had no faith. Isaiah said, just as you depend on this water which God gave you, you must depend on God. You don't depend on the Assyrians.

Psalms 46:4-6 (ESV) 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts

This is that little tunnel where it goes down to the Pool of Siloam, you either accept God's help or you don't and here in Isaiah,

*Isaiah 8:5-7 (ESV) The Lord spoke to me again: 6 "Because this people has **refused the waters of Shiloah** that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, 7 therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks,*

Now with that background, then you can see the Pool of Siloam, Isaiah this is what God sent them for them to survive to trust, they refuse, Israel rejected and they were lost. Today there is a person who is sent, Jesus, goes to the pool of the sent. The blind man went there, he accepted what God have given him. So therefore letting the light in is obedience.

*John 9:8-12 (ESV) The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." **He kept saying, "I am the man."***

So he actually acknowledges that he was actually blind before and testimony in front of the Pharisees.

*John 9:10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "**The man called Jesus made mud** and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."*

It is a perfect unbiased testimony

*John 9:16-17 (ESV) But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "**He is a prophet.**"*

He is an open minded person; he cannot be a sinner. I was blind and now I see. So if you are open minded, never heard about the theology, at least he is a prophet. So basically receiving the light is giving the light a chance, being open minded, unbiased. Then you have got boldness and insistence.

*John 9:24-27 (ESV) So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. **One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.**" 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "**I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples** 34) They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.*

The irony is that, the guy who has been an outsider, winds up being an outsider again, simply because he told the truth but yet there is boldness and insistence because he was blind and now he see. Nobody is going to convince him otherwise and then there is logical assumptions.

*John 9:30-33 (ESV) The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 **Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.**"*

Isn't that logical and yet the Pharisees cannot actually see this.

John 9:35-38 (ESV) Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

This is a picture of spiritual blindness being removed and the light comes in and this is the response to light. It is obedience, it's being open-minded, giving gospel a fair go and in the end believing being touched by Jesus Christ.

Ravi Zacharias does a lot of work in the Middle East, even talking to the top mullahs and imams and he says, when people in the middle east come to know Christ, which many of them are coming there are only two factors. The two factors are Jesus breaks through the spiritual blindness by dreams, so at night they will actually have dreams and another factor is love. When a Christian comes, spends time with them and basically show them love.

There is a book by Rebecca Manley Pippert. She tells you how we actually share the gospel and there is a testimony about one of the people whom she brought to Christ and it says

Then Becky you invited me to dinner and before we ate, you asked if you could thank God for the food. I thought how quaint, only you didn't just thank God for the food, you thank him for me and our friendship and you took me to the Bergman film and afterwards you said that you have studied the very same concept which was in the film in the Bible that day. I never dreamt God could be anything remotely common with modern cinema, but Becky do you know what affected me most. All my life I use to think how arrogant for someone to call themselves a Christian. The thing that they are that good but then I got to know you and Becky you are far from perfect and yet you call yourself a Christian. So my first shot was discovered that you blow it like I do but my biggest shock was that you admitted it, where I don't and suddenly I saw that being a Christian didn't mean never failing but admitting that you failed. I want to keep Christ in the box and let you be religious during Bible studies but the more you let me into your life, the more impossible it became to keep the lid on Christianity, even your admission of weaknesses drove me to Christ.

Becky Pippert ends with these words

Seeing the real me gave the gospel more power not less. The more open and transparent I became the more they saw Jesus. When I cover up for Gods reputation they only see me.

All of us are blind but now we see and sometimes we think we are not good enough to share the gospel. They see me with all my flaws and my warts and my bad habits and my bad temper and I can't share with them Christ, but the only two things that open spiritual blindness, one is a dream and the second is when a Christian becomes real and it comes to you.

Becky says, *Live with a faith that you share and share the faith that you live.*

We don't have to share a faith that you don't live, all of us are brought in Christ and we have that much light and we live authentically and the people who share the gospel with your families, your friends, your community they will see the real you and they will see the real light.

C. JUDGMENT COMES WHEN WE KEEP HIS LIGHT OUT

John 9:13-16 (ESV) 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them

There was a big theological argument, why, because here is a man born blind and then can see, huge-huge miracle. They are supposed to be chaperone of the flock in Israel, instead of rejoicing over one sheep who can see, they are saying that this is not real, he is not really able to see. It is all about the mud, it is all about healing someone on Sabbath Day.

Jesus can do anything and here you actually have the Pharisees being tripped up by small theological differences. Here you actually have the pool of the sent, Isaiah is rejected and here you have Jesus who is sent in John 9, the Pharisees have rejected. It is a beautiful use of Old Testament.

*John 9:18-23 (ESV) The Jews **did not believe that he had been blind** and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "**Is this your son, who you say was born blind?** How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."*

*John 9:26-29 (ESV) They said to him, "What did he do to you? **How did he open your eyes?**" 27 He answered them, "**I have told you already, and you would not listen.** Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, **but we are disciples of Moses.** 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."*

So they refused to accept the facts of the case, they fall back on their own self-righteousness. Self-righteousness causes blindness.

John 9:33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

So therefore the veracity of the truth is based on the person. It reminds me of Rudy Guiliani. He is now talking about Trump and the alleged affair with Stormy Daniels and he says, Stormy Daniels cannot be trusted in the testimony,

"Beautiful women, classy women, women of great substance. Stormy Daniels?" But I'm sorry, I don't respect a porn star the way I respect a career woman, or a woman of substance, or a woman who has great respect for herself as a woman, and as a person. And isn't going to sell her body for sexual exploitation. So, Stormy, you want to bring a case? Let me cross-examine you."

Just because you are a prostitute or you are a porn star, you cannot tell the truth. The irony is, you got Mary Magdalene who use to do all sorts of things and she was one of the first few people who actually saw Jesus rose from dead. So here we actually have people who are closed because of their background, because she was used to be a porn star, you cannot be believed.

How the seeing became blind?

So they think

- God did **not** work on Sundays
- Moses was God's only spokesman,
- Anyone born blind had to be a sinner,
- Anyone who broke the Sabbath had to be a sinner,
- God did **not** work *through* sinners,
- God did **not** work *on* sinners,
- **No one** could teach them anything."

Ravi Zacharias says,

"The problem is not the absence of evidence but the suppression of it"

They actually suppress all the evidence and John 9 shows you the evidence is so clear. Richard Dawkins is an atheist and he suppresses the evidence like that

“The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.”

Now if God is a God of fiction, who did all these things, human beings. So he just self-contradicted himself. What they do is that, he suppresses the truth and here you got Old Testament prophecies about are known better of their theologians. This is what the Old Testament background is

*Isaiah 42:6-8 (ESV) I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,⁷ **to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.**⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.*

Isaiah 35:4-6 God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

They know the Old Testament, they seen before their eyes and yet they suppress the evidence. Jesus said when some people come and asked him, are you the one the lamb of God or are you another and Jesus told them,

Matthew 11:4-6 (ESV) And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

The problem with atheism is that you have suppressed the facts. So here you actually have,

*John 9:39-41 (ESV) Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those **who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.**”*

So when the light comes, you either accept it in obedience or the light actually causes you to stumble because it said here in Isaiah 6:9-10

*Isaiah 6:9-10 (ESV) And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’¹⁰ **Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes;** lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”*

So actually the gospel is a two-edged sword. For some who receive the light, they come into the light and they receive life. For others, the light causes them not to see, the more light they see, the more they rejected, actually blinds their eyes. So these are for everyone who does

*John 3: 20 For everyone who does **wicked things hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

It is like open up a rock and the light comes in, all the cockroaches run away. If you do actually do evil things, you will hate the light.

*John 3:21 But whoever does what is true **comes to the light**, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

So the fact that this man actually obeyed is actually the work of God in his life. You cannot come to God unless he draws you. So this is the picture.

CHALLENGE:

The challenge is, God is looking for man and woman with a vision.

*John 9:3-5 (ESV) Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the **works of God might be displayed in him.***

God has a purpose for the blind man, so he also has a purpose for us. Somehow some of us are blind, some of us were greedy business people, adulterous, homosexuals, divorces, uneducated, sick, lame, blind that describes all of us, but it says,

*John 9:25 (ESV) He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. **One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.**"*

The only qualification you have to fulfil God's purpose in your life is to say, I was blind, I was sick, I was sinful but now I see. So this message goes out to all of us. If a blind man from birth who lived years a useless life, if God so finds his life so precious, don't you think he has a purpose for every single one of you. God is wanting us this morning to see that we all have to have a vision. You have to have a vision of what your purpose of life is, but yet you say cannot I am just an ordinary person, but this is what Paul says,

2 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV) But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

In temple, there are no jars of clay. In the temple when Persians gave back treasure to the Israelites they got thousands and hundreds of basins of gold, silver, iron and there were no jars of clay. Jars of clay is like crap and what he is saying is that, we have treasure in jars of clay. That means the weaker we are, the more we extenuate the glory of God.

Anthony Bourdain is a US celebrity chef. All over the world he is eating and drinking. He did suicide, man with the best job in the world kills himself because he sees no more purpose in his life towards the end of his life. Another famous rich woman Katie Spade also killed herself. They are rich and they have all those sort of things in life going more than us, they keep killing themselves.

As you get older, the psychological purpose of life drops, when you reach towards the end of your life, you realize that is not good enough. Because the only thing that will give you joy is that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Brothers and sister today if you keep on working and living Katie Spade or Anthony Bourdain, you will come to a time in your life when you are old enough, if you are lucky to reach that age, that the purpose will drop, because you have done it all and there is nothing else to do. The only thing that will last, the only thing that makes even the suffering that you would have make sense, is that it is done that the glory of God might be displayed in our lives. So each and every single one of us here this morning, we have a purpose. Some of us purpose is obvious, others are not and you are always blinded why, because I am not good enough, I am too sinful, I am not eloquent enough.

We all come from backgrounds that are difficult, but the church of Jesus Christ is the only place where your hands are misshaken, your face may be disfigured and yet when you come together you will sing like the choir of angels, because we need people who have been sinful, we need your brokenness to reach a broken world. We need every single one of our brokenness and all we have to do is to say, I was blind and now I see.

The last challenge is

*2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (ESV) But when **one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.** 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, **there is freedom.** 18 And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

If you look back at the chap who is in Canada who started seeing for the first time, you will find that he is not use to the images. But as they got eyes, they start to see dreams and they see how beautiful it is. Being blind and then coming to see is a process.

If you look at the face of lord Jesus Christ and you dig in to it, it will transform you. What you look at will change your life. We are blind to the superior value of God. When we see this value and then you can take your place in his huge choir where all your brokenness require that we can show to the world that I was blind and now I really see.