

I Was Blind, Now I See

John 9:1-41

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Helen Keller was once asked if blindness was the worst thing that could happen to a person. Her response was, “The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”
- B. In our text today, we meet a man who has been blind since his birth.

A HELPLESS CONDITION (vs. 1-7)

- A. The man was a beggar who was blind from birth (v. 8). Jews held a common belief that all suffering was the result of sin (v. 34; Job 1:1, 8; Ezek. 18:20).
- B. The command of Jesus was very simple and easy to obey but it did not seem logical (Naaman 2 Kgs. 5).
- C. We must do what Jesus says even if it doesn't make sense (Lk. 13:3; Mk. 16:16).

AN OBVIOUS CHANGE (vs. 8-11)

- A. Some of the man's neighbors could not believe it was him, the blind beggar.
- B. When a person comes to know and obey Jesus, change must be evident in his life (I Cor. 6:9-11; Acts 9:20-22).
- C. Our lives should look different after we encounter Jesus. Since becoming a disciple, what has changed in your life that draws people's attention to Jesus?

AN UNWAVERING COURAGE (vs. 12-41)

- A. The formerly blind man was taken before the Pharisees where he demonstrated an unwavering courage.
 - 1. He said Jesus was a prophet – v. 17
 - 2. He shared his story – vs. 24-25
 - 3. He considered himself a disciple – vs. 27-28
 - 4. He claimed Jesus was from God – vs. 30-33
 - 5. He worshiped Jesus – v. 38
- B. This man did not have all the answers about Jesus. In fact, he knew very little about Him. However, he did not allow the pressure from others to cause him to reject Jesus.
- C. We must be willing to courageously stand firm even when it's hard or unpopular (Lk. 6:22-23 ; Prov. 29:25).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus made a difference in this man's life, and it was obvious to others by his actions.
- B. What difference has Jesus made in your life? Is it obvious to others by the way you choose to live?