

One Thing I Know

6-9-24

John 9:25 (ESV)

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

All Chapter 9 is about a man born blind that Jesus heals. Jesus has declared HIMSELF as the great “I AM” the light of the world and now HE proves it. People are still not convinced and seem more confused than ever. To stay true to Jesus’ intention, we need to walk through all of Chapter 9 to understand the atmosphere, the miracle, and the lesson that Jesus is passing on to us.

John 9:1 (ESV) NO/OH

¹ As Jesus 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?”

There is so much wrong with this statement you don’t know where to start. But this reveals the thinking at the time. The Jews in strict adherence to the Law and God’s sovereignty, this type of question was debated. Jesus’ answer to this complicated question would be so stunning that the human mind has trouble comprehending what HE said.

John 9:3 (ESV) NO/OH

Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

Jesus says that this infirmity, a man born blind, was an opportunity for God’s work to be displayed.

Jesus' words cause my mind to be flooded with questions that I don't have the answers to. However, I believe the Bible and I believe Jesus. While we can't understand all things of the world, we should take Jesus at HIS WORD and apply what HE said to our own life. *The principle here is that this man's infirmity, our personal infirmity, is an opportunity to see the work of God displayed.* In this particular account, the man was healed, but also, we have seen people not healed and yet they overcame their infirmities thus displaying God's work. God has enabled us to overcome our own infirmities to mold us into the person Christ desired us to be. But also, we need to see that God can work in others no matter what their weakness may be. For example, take note of the work of God displayed through Nick Vujicic. *-OH- verse with the man-*



Nick Vujicic was born without any arms or legs.

Nick is a Christian and has shared Christ in 14 countries speaking to over 2 million people. In Christ, we all have hope and purpose. Jesus tells us that the time is short and as lights to the world we need to share the light of Jesus giving hope and purpose to others. Jesus tells us how to carry out this ministry of hope.

John 9:6-7 (ESV) NO/OH

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

We know the Gospel of Christ and the power of God. Here Jesus gives us an example on how to share this message. Jesus spit on the ground made mud then anointed the man's eyes and told him to go and wash his face. Jesus is telling us 1) share wherever you are, 2) Use whatever you have, 3) touch the person's infirmity. God will tell you what to do. My dad was a cowboy. As he was coming to the end of his life, I flew out to New Mexico to try and share Christ with him one more time. On the plane I prayed, "God Nothing works! For my dad to understand, YOU need to give me an example using a cow and horse." Long story short, God gave me an example using a cow and a horse to share the gospel and my dad at 83 accepted Christ. Lesson: Wherever you are, use whatever you have, and touch people where they are. Things happen!

Notice the activity when God works.

John 9:8–23 (ESV) NO/OH

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”

⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He 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.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So 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.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” **(Legalism at its worst!)** But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So 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.” **(The man doesn’t know who Jesus is. This is a lesson not to tell the hurting, “You just need more faith.”)**

¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But 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.”

Blatant unbelief!

John 9:24 (ESV) NO/OH

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.” **(Excuse me? Blatant unbelief pushes people to greater unbelief.)**

This man has the perfect answer for those who deny Christ.

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 indisputable answer to the world. God’s work; Our story. We say, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” This is why Jesus calls us witnesses, children of God.

John 9:26–30 (ESV) NO/OH

²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He 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?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. (Nice little dig! One thing he knew, and he knew more than they knew.)

The Religious leaders did not respond well to the truth.

John 9:34 (ESV) NO/OH

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

However, when we stand on the truth, Jesus shows up.

John 9:35–38 (ESV) NO/OH

³⁵ 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.

Jesus declared HIMSELF the light of the world. Then HE gave us a physical example of being the light of the world by giving sight to the man born blind

In Chapter 9, Two verses we need to grasp.

- John 9:3, This happened that the works of God might be displayed. *Our weakness is our strength.*
- John 9:25, One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. *It is all about Jesus.*

The man born blind gives us a physical example of how Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12 (ESV)

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”