



THE 1ST ENCOUNTER:

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.” (John 9:1, ESV)

What They Saw:

- The Disciples saw a theological _____.
- Jesus saw a _____ soul.

What They Said:

- Disciples: Who’s _____ is this?

²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (John 9:2, ESV)

- Jesus – God is _____ here!

³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.” (John 9:3–4, ESV)

What It Means:

1) God is not _____ for my sins.

“...²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you....” (Luke 13:1–5, ESV)
(Ezekiel 18:20, ESV)

Why Bad Things Happen:

- Fallen World
- Satan
- My bad decisions
- No bodies’ fault!

THE REACTION:

1) God’s work always stirs up _____ !

¹⁶Some 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.

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.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents...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.” (John 9:16–24, ESV)

2) My _____ is my best witness.

²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?... Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.” (John 9:25–34, ESV)

THE 2ND ENCOUNTER:

1) I need to be _____.

³⁵... “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” (John 9:35–37, ESV)

2) True spiritual knowledge results in _____ Jesus.

³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.” (John 9:38, ESV)

3) Knowledge results in either _____ or _____:

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.” (John 9:39–41, ESV)



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