

Congregation Notes

I Believe in Miracles – Part 6 - Title: Now I See

Text: John 9:1-41 (NIV)

1. A Life Defined by Darkness | (John 9:1–3)

Jesus encounters a man **blind from birth**.

Key Insight: Not every hardship is the result of personal sin.

Jesus reframes the situation:

- The disciples asked, “**Who sinned?**”
- Jesus focused on **what God can reveal**.

Truth: God can bring purpose out of circumstances that seem broken.

2. The Light Confronts the Darkness | (John 9:4–5)

Jesus declares: “**I am the light of the world.**”

Biblical Symbolism

Light represents: Truth, Revelation & Life

Darkness represents: Ignorance, Sin & Separation from God

The Miracle: He received both Physical Sight and Spiritual Revelation

3. The Miracle Happens in the Process | (John 9:6–7)

Jesus places mud on the man’s eyes and sends him to the **Pool of Siloam**. The man obeys **while still blind**.

Key Principle: The miracle did not happen immediately. It happened **after obedience**.

A. God Reveals the Next Step, Not the Whole Plan

Psalms 119:105 “*Your word is a lamp to my feet.*”

- A lamp shows **the next step**
- Not the entire road

Faith moves with the light we already have.

B. Faith Sometimes Looks Unusual

The man walked through Jerusalem with **mud on his eyes**. People likely stared. Yet he kept moving toward the pool.

Biblical Parallel: Naaman washing in the Jordan (2 Kings 5)

Lesson: God’s instructions sometimes challenge our expectations.

C. Faith Grows Through Experience

The man’s understanding of Jesus grew **step by step**. His description of Jesus develops:

1. “The man called Jesus”
2. “He is a prophet”
3. “A man from God”
4. “Lord, I believe”

Faith deepens through encounter.

D. The Journey Was Part of the Miracle

The healing did not occur when Jesus applied the mud. It happened while he was washing in the pool. Every step toward Siloam was a step of faith.

Truth: God often works **in the process**, not just the outcome.

E. Obedience Demonstrates Trust

The man trusted Jesus **before he fully understood Him**. **Proverbs 3:5–6** “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*” Trust does not require complete understanding.

4. Religion Confronts the Miracle | (John 9:13–34)

Instead of celebrating, the Pharisees interrogate the man.

Their issue: Jesus healed on the **Sabbath**

Irony: The blind man now sees more clearly than the scholars.

His testimony: “**One thing I know: I was blind, but now I see.**”

Key Faith Statement

Sometimes the greatest step of faith is simple: **Obey what God has said, before you see what God is doing.**