

John 9:11-27 (NLT) – 11 He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!” 12 “Where is he now?” they asked. “I don’t know,” he replied.

13 Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, 14 because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. 15 The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!” 16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

17 Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?” The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.” 18 The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. 19 They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?”

20 His parents replied, “We know this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.” 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. 23 That’s why they said, “He is old enough. Ask him.” 24 So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, [a] because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.” 25 “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!” 26 “But what did he do?” they asked. “How did he heal you?” 27 “Look!” the man exclaimed. “I told you once. Didn’t you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

The testimony of God in your life makes him visible through your life

Study Guide

This last Sunday we talked about the power and importance of our testimony. That is to say, no matter how long you have been a Christian, or how well -studied you are on topics like philosophy, apologetics, or theology, you are still equipped and able to introduce Jesus to those around you. All it takes is sharing the moments where God has shown up in your life.

With that in mind, where have you seen God at work in your life? What did you feel like when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and chose to be a Christian?

It is experiences like these that can have the greatest impacts on our friends, family, and co-workers. You might not have an answer to why suffering exists, but you could have a story in which Jesus took your pain away. The story of the blind man in John 9 can be perfectly summarized in verse 25 “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied.

“But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!” The once -blind man simply shared his experience with Jesus. Ultimately, that is what a testimony is —when we share what God has done in our lives.

Take some time to think about your life since becoming a Christian and then write down some key moments. Why do you think they came to mind? Then, take a moment to pray and ask God who in your life needs to hear these stories.