

It's Not How We Start, But How We Finish!!!!

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Start: John 9: 1-3 As he went along, he saw a man born blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned", said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

Finish: John 9: 35-41 "Spiritual Blindness"

SUMMARY:

One would think that a man born blind would have every right to ask the question, "Why me?" Can you imagine **starting** life out being blind? Have you ever asked that 'Why Me' question of yourself, regarding your given situation, or circumstances? Jesus response to His disciples is very thought provoking. He says, "This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his (or your) life" God's real desire is for us to have 20/20 spiritual vision. That is how He desires we **finish!** The question then becomes how & what, instead of "Why Me?" We need to begin to ask **how** God can be glorified through any situation/circumstance. We can also ask, **what** can God do to use this situation/circumstance to change us, and to build his kingdom. It's not a matter of how we **start**, but how we **finish!**

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: What physical or emotional challenge (learning disability, chronic illness, or failed relationship, etc...) has turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate his power in your life?

Discussion:

- When you hear about another person's misfortune, do you react like the disciples (questioning) or like Jesus (compassionately)? Why?
- Vs. 3 says, "So that the work of God might be displayed in his life." What is the work of God in his (your) life?
- How would you score your spiritual eye sight? 20/20, 20/800? Do you have any spiritual blind spots? What could correct your spiritual vision?

APPLICATION:

In the next week get with a trusted and honest friend (an accountability partner) and take a spiritual eye exam. Ask them to challenge you with the above questions. What can, & are you going to do to improve your spiritual vision????

ON YOUR OWN...

Please Read & Meditate On The Word: (How We Get 20/20 Spiritual Vision)

Read all of John Chapter 9

Psm. 119:18 "Open my eyes that I may see...."

2 Cor. 4:18 "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen..."

John 4:35 "I tell you, open your eyes & look..."

Matt. 9:37 "The Harvest is plenty and the workers are few,"

Heb. 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter..."