# Seeing Clearly: Lessons from the Man Born Blind



Explore spiritual sight and blindness through the story of the man born blind, unveiling truths about faith and religious blindness.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this eye-opening seven-day journey into one of the most profound encounters recorded in the Gospel of John: the story of the man born blind. This passage challenges us to reflect on the nature of sight—not merely physical sight but spiritual vision. The man born blind gains physical sight through Jesus' miraculous power, a symbol of the light and truth Jesus brings to the world. Yet, paradoxically, those who claim religious knowledge remain spiritually blind, unable or unwilling to see God's work right before them.

In this study, we will explore what it means to have true sight in a world filled with spiritual blindness. We will wrestle with the stubbornness of those who resist God's truth despite its clarity and examine how faith opens eyes to grace and transformation. As we walk through the Scriptures together, may our own hearts be open to the light of Christ, enabling us to see beyond our limitations, biases, and traditions.

Each day invites you to dive deeper into this narrative, consider the contrast between physical and spiritual blindness, and discover practical lessons on how to avoid the pitfalls of religious blindness. You'll find questions to reflect on, journaling prompts to engage your heart, and prayers to cry out for God's illuminating presence in your life. Let us begin this journey with open hearts, ready to be transformed by the One who says, "I am the light of the world."







#### Day 1: 66 Encountering Physical Blindness









#### Your Verse

John 9:1-7 - "As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 146:8 "The LORD gives sight to the blind."
- Isaiah 42:7 "to open eyes that are blind."







### Devotional: When Jesus Heals Blindness, Sight Follows

Today we begin by witnessing a profound miracle. In John 9, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth, a condition the disciples misunderstand as a punishment. Jesus challenges this misconception, revealing a deeper purpose: that God's works might be displayed in the man's healing. When Jesus makes mud with his saliva and anoints the man's eyes, He gives more than physical sight; He demonstrates His power over darkness and limitation.

This opening scene sets the stage for a spiritual journey. The man's gradual gaining of sight parallels the process of spiritual awakening—often gradual, sometimes uncomfortable, but transformational. It reminds us that Jesus is the source of true sight and that He makes a way where we see no possibility.

Reflect on your own life: Are there areas where you feel blind or limited? Trust that Jesus can open your eyes and reveal a new perspective.







Day 1: 😥 Encountering Physical Blindness

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What misconceptions about suffering and sin do I need to release?
2.	How have I experienced Jesus bringing new sight in my life?
3.	In what ways might Jesus be inviting me to trust Him for healing?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Reflect on a time when God gave you clarity after confusion.
2.	2. Write about areas in your life where you desire spiritual insight.
3.	3. Journal your thoughts on how Jesus' healing methods surprise you.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for being the light in our darkness and for opening the eyes of the blind. Help me to trust Your power when I face areas of blindness in my life, whether physical, spiritual, or emotional. Open my heart to see clearly Your purposes and Your love. In Your name, I pray. *Amen.*  $\nearrow$ 















#### Your Verse

John 9:13–17 – "He put mud on my eyes... then I went and washed, and now I see."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers"
- Revelation 3:17 "You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing."







#### Devotional: Recognizing Our Own Spiritual Blindness

After the man gains physical sight, the religious leaders react with skepticism and hostility. Their refusal to recognize Jesus' divine work reveals their spiritual blindness. They are trapped by tradition, pride, and disbelief, exposing the harsh reality that religious knowledge does not guarantee spiritual sight.

This reminds us that spiritual blindness can be subtle and dangerous. We may attend church, know Scripture, and still miss the life-giving truth of Jesus because our hearts resist change or humility. The Pharisees' refusal to acknowledge the miracle challenges us to examine ourselves honestly.

Today, ask yourself if there are areas where tradition or pride might be limiting your vision. Are you open to seeing God's work in unexpected ways, or have you closed your eyes out of comfort or fear?







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What attitudes might be causing spiritual blindness in my life?
2.	How do I respond when God challenges my traditions or beliefs?
3.	Am I willing to admit what I don't see or understand yet?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Write about a time when pride kept you from seeing God's truth.
2.	2. Reflect on how humility can bring spiritual sight in your journey.
3.	3. List beliefs or traditions you want to evaluate before God.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** open my heart to Your truth and remove any spiritual blindness caused by pride or rigid tradition. Help me to see Your hand moving, even when it challenges my understanding. Teach me to walk humbly and listen closely to Your voice. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















#### Your Verse

John 9:18-23 - "He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:1 "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
- 1 John 1:1 "What was from the beginning, what we have heard..."







#### Devotional: The Power of Personal Testimony to Reveal Truth

The healed man speaks boldly about his transformation. Despite pressure from the Pharisees and those around him, he testifies to the truth he has experienced firsthand. His testimony reflects the power of personal encounter with Jesus, which dispels doubt and reveals the reality of God's work.

Our own faith often grows through testimony—both hearing and sharing. When we recount how God has acted in our lives, we reinforce our own belief and encourage others who may struggle with spiritual blindness or doubt. The man born blind becomes a living witness to the power of faith beyond physical sight.

Consider your testimony today: How has God revealed Himself to you in tangible ways? How might sharing your story help illuminate Christ to others?







#### Reflect and Apply

1.]	n what ways has God's work in my life strengthened my faith?
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	How open am I to sharing my testimony with others, even in difficult situations?
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	What doubts or questions might testimony help address in my community?
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#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Write your own testimony of encountering Jesus and what changed.
2.	2. Think about someone who could encourage others through their testimony.
3.	3. Journal fears or obstacles you face in sharing your faith story.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** embolden me to testify boldly of Your works in my life. May my words be clear and rooted in truth, shining light into the darkness around me. Use my story to inspire and bring sight to those spiritually blind. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🛠 🙎 🙏















#### Your Verse

John 9:24-34 - "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 1:18 "the eyes of your heart may be enlightened"
- Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."







### Devotional: Embracing the Transformative Journey of Faith

The healed man declares with conviction, "I was blind but now I see!" This statement marks a powerful turning point. Not only has his sight been restored physically, but his understanding and faith have expanded. Yet his journey is not just about a single moment of healing; it is about a process of spiritual awakening, from darkness into light.

Our faith journeys mirror this progression. Many of us move from spiritual blindness, confusion, or disbelief to a growing clarity and confidence in God's truth. This process requires persistence, openness, and sometimes challenge.

Reflect on your personal journey from doubt or darkness toward light and understanding. How has God moved in your life to open your eyes?







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How would I describe my journey from spiritual blindness to sight?
2.	What struggles have deepened my understanding of God?
3.	How can I embrace ongoing growth in my faith walk?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Outline key moments where God revealed Himself more clearly to you.
2.	2. Write about challenges that strengthened your faith over time.
3.	3. Reflect on ways you can continue growing in spiritual sight.







#### Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father,** thank You for guiding me from darkness into light. Continue to enlighten the eyes of my heart with Your truth and grace. Help me to celebrate each step forward and trust You through every challenge ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\triangle$ 







## Day 5: Se Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness









Day 5: 🚇 Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness

#### Your Verse

John 9:35-41 - "Jesus said... 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin...'"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 6:9–10 "He will make their hearts calloused... lest they see with their eyes."
- Matthew 23:16 "You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."







Day 5: 🚇 Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness

#### Devotional: Humility Opens Eyes; Pride Closes Hearts

Jesus confronts the Pharisees' spiritual condition directly. He distinguishes between physical blindness and spiritual blindness, highlighting personal responsibility for recognizing or rejecting truth. Those who admit their blindness are positioned to receive sight, but those who claim to see, yet reject Christ, remain in sin.

This dialogue forces us to examine our spiritual posture. It calls for humility and openness, challenging us to avoid self-righteousness or complacency. Religious ritual or knowledge, without heart transformation, leads to blindness and guilt.

Ask yourself today: Am I more like the man born blind or the Pharisees who refused to see? How does Jesus' teaching convict or encourage me?







Day 5: 💁 Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How is Jesus challenging my spiritual assumptions today?
2.	What attitudes may be preventing me from seeing God's full truth?
3.	In what ways do I need to practice greater humility before God?







Day 5: 💁 Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Journal about moments when humility brought breakthrough in your faith.
2.	2. Reflect on attitudes that might cause spiritual blindness in your life.
3.	3. Write a prayer asking Jesus to reveal hidden blind spots.







Day 5: 🚇 Jesus Confronts Religious Blindness

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** teach me humility that leads to true sight. Help me to acknowledge areas where I fall short and embrace Your transformative grace. Remove any pride that blinds me to Your voice and work in my life. I desire to see You clearly. Amen.















#### Your Verse

John 9:39-40 - "I have come into this world... to give sight to the blind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 John 1:7 "the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."
- Ephesians 5:8 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."







#### Devotional: Walking Daily in the Light of Christ's Love

Jesus declares His purpose: to give sight to the blind and to judge the world. Accepting this light means turning away from darkness and living in truth and grace. To live in the light requires ongoing repentance and openness to God's guidance. It calls us to be reflections of His light, drawing others out of spiritual darkness.

As God's children, we are called to walk as people transformed by Christ's illumination. This daily commitment changes our attitudes, actions, and relationships. It also positions us to help others see the light in their own lives.

Consider your role today in living out and sharing the light and truth of Jesus with those around you.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How am I currently living as 'light in the Lord'?
2.	What practical steps can I take to reflect Jesus' light more clearly?
3.	Who in my life needs the light of Christ today?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.1	. List ways you can demonstrate Christ's light in your daily routine.
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	2. Write about relationships that would benefit from your light-filled vitness.
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3.3	8. Reflect on how walking in the light has changed you.
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#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** help me to live fully as Your light in this world. May I reflect Jesus' love and truth in all I do. Give me courage to shine brightly and to lead others toward Your saving grace. Thank You for calling me out of darkness into Your marvelous light. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen. ☼ 🛨 👽















#### Your Verse

Matthew 5:14–16 – "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 26:18 "to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light."
- Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation."







#### Devotional: Called to Shine and Share the Light of Christ

As we conclude this study, we reflect on our calling to be lights in a dark world. Jesus not only heals and opens eyes but sends His followers to share that same sight and salvation with others. Spiritual sight is not only about personal transformation but also about mission—helping others move from blindness to revelation.

We are challenged to embrace this mission fully, shining with the same brilliance that changed the man born blind. Living as children of light means being intentional, compassionate, and bold in our witness, standing against spiritual blindness wherever it exists.

Take time today to commit your vision and mission to God. How will you carry forward the light you have received?







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for me to be 'the light of the world' in practical terms?
2.	How equipped do I feel to help others see spiritually?
3.	What steps can I take to live out this mission with boldness?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	1. Write a commitment statement about your role in God's mission of light.
2.	2. Reflect on how your experiences have prepared you to help others see.
3.	3. Journal prayers for courage and wisdom as you share God's light.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord Almighty, thank You for opening my eyes and calling me to be a light in this dark world. Empower me with boldness, love, and wisdom to share Your truth and grace with those around me. Help me to shine brightly, reflecting Your glory and leading others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💸 🙏 🐧







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