



**What Did I Do To  
Deserve This?**

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**(Why Me, Lord?)**





# Setting the Stage

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- **John 9** As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”
- Whenever we are going through a trial, inevitably we wrestle with questions like: “Whose fault is this? Who can I blame, who can I confront? Why is this happening to me?”
- Why do we default to these questions?
- Control, certainty and safety



# Get Over Yourself

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- <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so **that the works of God might be displayed in him.**
- **EVERY TRIAL YOU ENCOUNTER IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO BRING GLORY TO HIMSELF THROUGH YOU!**
- **This is not about you** and anyone’s guilt; this is about God stepping in and taking over so He can be gloried and **draw people to Himself!!**



# This is Bigger Than You

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- <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”
- <sup>6</sup> When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.



# Birthing Denominations

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- Spit, Mud, Wash and Be Healed-John 9
- Spit, Pray, Touch and be Healed Mark 8
- Speak and Be Healed – Mark 10
- Do you know that you can be fervently, faithfully, following the literal words of the Bible and completely, catastrophically miss God and be out of His will?
- Scripture is interpreted by Scripture, under the revelation and guidance of the Holy Spirit. What do we learn from these verses?



# Transforming Faith

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- <sup>8</sup> Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” [a] He kept saying, “I am the one.”
- Ummm, I don't know, he looks ... DIFFERENT!
- When you have encountered the power and presence of God, you will be changed! You will begin to be healed of lots of things!



# Power Trip

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- **10** So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” **11** He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”
- **12** They said to him, “Where is He?” He \*said, **“I do not know.”**
- Because Jesus wasn’t waiting for him when He came back. So he just went home





# Logic vs Power

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- Most of the time we do evangelism backwards
- We want to talk people in accepting Jesus through quoting scripture and making logical arguments
- But when people encounter the power and presence of Jesus, they come to faith instantly and automatically, even though they don't yet know or understand anything else!
- <sup>4</sup> and my [b]message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not [c]rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
- 1 Cor 2:4



# Ask a Different Question

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- When you are hurting, confused, depressed, struggling, failing, faced with overwhelming obstacles ....
- Instead of asking Why Me or Who can I blame for this
- Start asking “How can God USE THIS SITUATION FOR HIS GLORY, AND MAKE IT ABOUT HIM AND NOT ME?”
- And EXPECT HIM TO DO IT!!
- Where are you feeling blind right now?



# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY