

Are You Blind?

Are you losing sight
or giving sight

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

John 9:1-2

We lose sight when we objectify people

We give sight when we have compassion for people

“It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9:3-5

We lose sight when we focus on our circumstances

Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. He told

him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

John 9:6-7

We lose sight when we question God's power.

"Fearing people is a dangerous trap."

Proverbs 29:25

We lose sight when we fear man.

"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?"

John 9:27

We lose sight when we are self-righteous.

When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

"You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"

"Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:35-38

We give sight when we focus on who rather than how.

Progressive Understanding:

The man they called Jesus - v. 11

He is a prophet - v. 17

From God - v. 33

Son of Man - v. 35

LORD - v. 38

Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.”

Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied.

“But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.”

John 9:39-42

We often lose sight
gradually.

➔ Has your eyesight become cloudy or out of focus?

What is causing that?

Are you willing to cut it out?

We give sight when we meet practical needs.

We give sight when we lift up the name of Jesus.