

YOUR STORY HIS GLORY

John 9:1-41

As He went along, He saw a man 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. As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:1-5

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20

1. YOU STORY IS UNIQUE.

Having said this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," He told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

John 9:6-7

2. YOUR STORY IS NOT COMPLETE.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

John 9:8-11

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about Him? It was your eyes He opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we

know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." John 9:13-34

3. YOU WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY AS YOU TELL YOUR STORY.

Look at his story in verse 11: *"the man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes..."*

But later when being questioned by the Pharisees, he tells his story and then is asked his opinion of Jesus. In verse 17 he says, *"He is a prophet"*.

In his second interview with the Pharisees, he tells his story again and in verses 31-33 he gives this stunning reply *"Now that is remarkable! You don't know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does His will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."*

Finally look at the end of this chapter in this man's story — in verses 35-38. Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah to the man and he says, *"Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him.*

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

*"Life is a song that we sing with our days,
a poem with meaning more than words can say, a painting with colors
no rainbow can tell, a lyric that rhymes either heaven or hell.
We are living letters that doubt desecrates, we're the notes of the song
of the chorus of faith, God shapes every second of our little lives,
and minds every minute as the universe waits by."
(“The Poem of Your Life” v.1 by: Michael Card)*

What is your story? Your whole life is God's handiwork. As you look back, do you see God's hand shaping your life? Go and share it as often as possible.