



Life Change that Inspires and Infuriates

John 9:8-33

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The life-change you experience as the result of meeting Jesus will inspire some people, and will infuriate some people.



John 9

08 – 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?”

09 – Others were saying, “This is he,” still others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.”

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.”

“Is this not the one who used to...?”

- The one part of your faith that cannot be debated is that you are different as a result of meeting Jesus!
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- Some will be inspired by it.
 - **Matthew 5:16**
- Some will doubt it.
 - **Time + Opportunity = Authenticity**



“How then were your eyes opened?”

- There is no formula with Jesus.
 - **1 Corinthians 12:11**
- People want to focus on a method of God because a method can be controlled.
 - Religion = Rigidity
 - Relationship = Trust/Obedience





John 9

13 – They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.

14 – Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15 – Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And He said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

16 – Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.



“And there was a division among them.”

- The Sabbath was a day to rest and honor God.
 - **4th Commandment, Exodus 20:8**
- Law vs Grace; Letter vs Spirit
- Example - Lent
- The same Light that shines within you will be both a beacon of hope to those who are lost and an offense/obstacle to those who wish to remain in darkness.
 - **Job 24:14-15 “The murderer arises at dawn; he kills the poor and the needy, and at night he is a thief. The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, ‘no eye will see me.’ And he disguises his face.”**



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17 – So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

18 – The Jews then did not believe it of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

19 – and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”

20 – His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;



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21 – but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”

22 – His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

23 – For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”



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- Expect some people to try and stay neutral.
- “Ask your mother” = deferment, abdicating responsibility.
 - **Genesis 3:12** – “The woman You gave me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”
- There is no neutrality with God!
 - **Matthew 12:30** – “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”
- Are you driven by fear of man or fear of God?
 - **Matthew 10:28**



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24 – So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”

25 – He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

26 – So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

27 – He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”



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28 – They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 – “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”

“Whether He is a sinner, I do not know.”

- It's okay to not know all the answers!
 - Invite them into a journey of discovery.



“...though I was blind, now I see.”

- Life change is the uncontestable evidence that Jesus is real!
- He will give you new vision!
- Religion will revile the Relationship with Jesus.





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30 – The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

31 – “We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

32 – “Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 – “If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

34 – They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

“And are you teaching us?”

- Religion vs Relationship
- When we focus on law over grace, we miss individual opportunities.
- Not an excuse to trample on grace!
 - Romans 6:1-2, Hebrews 10:26-29
- **The biggest and fiercest opposition to your life-change will not come from sinners, but from the religious spirit because you do not conform to their standards.**





**Have you experienced the life-changing
encounter with Jesus?**

How do you respond to life-change in others?