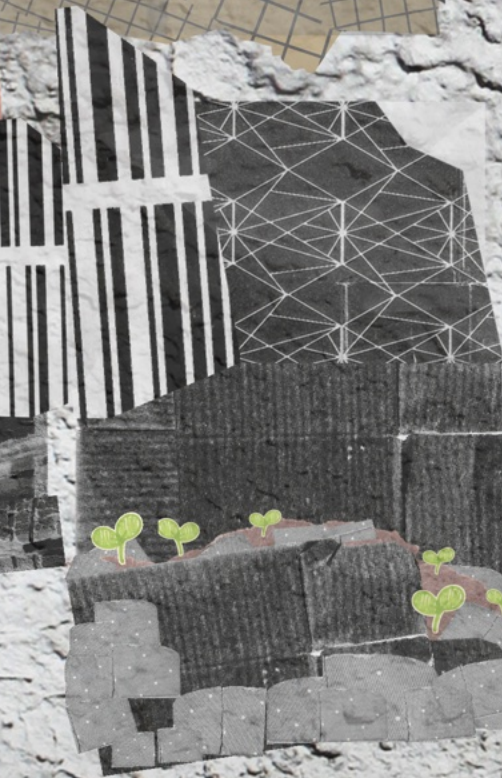
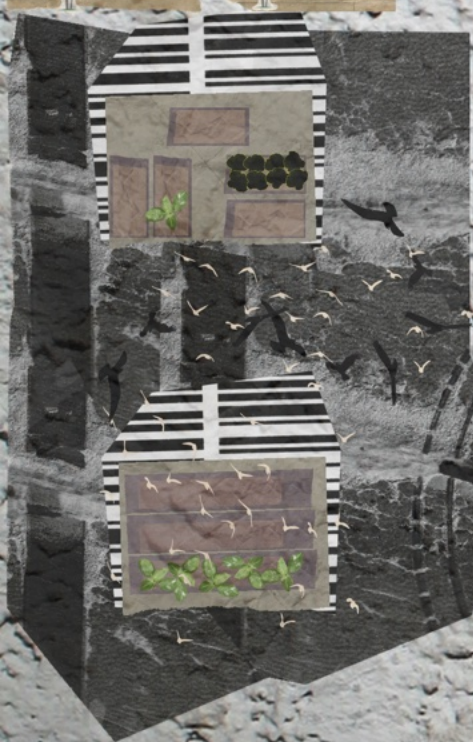
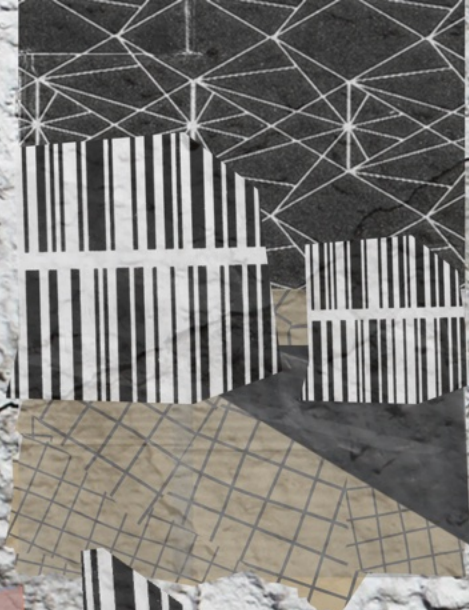


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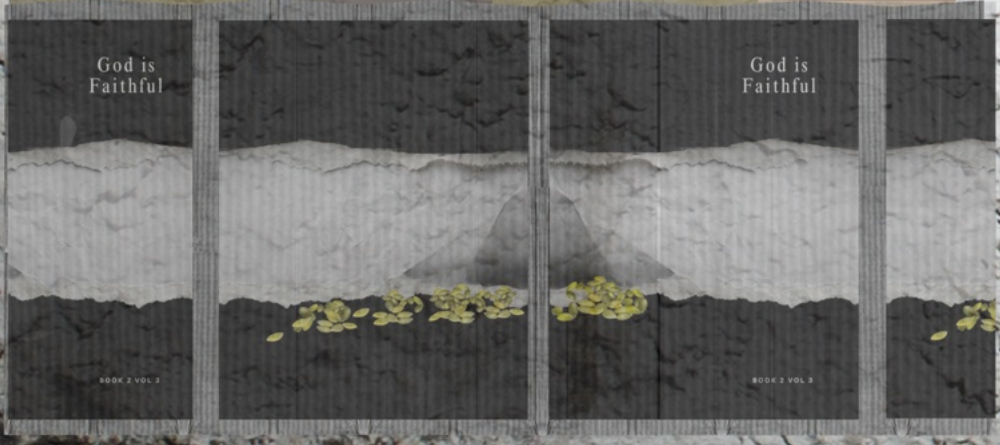


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ABOUT MY SEED FAITH

MY SEED FAITH IS A DEVOTIONAL DESIGNED TO ASSIST YOU AS YOU GROW IN YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH. FAITH-BUILDING INVOLVES STUDYING AND INTERPRETING THE BIBLE SO THAT YOU CAN DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF WHO GOD, JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO TRUST IN THEM. TO BUILD FAITH, YOU MUST FIRST KNOW WHO GOD IS. KNOWING WHO HE IS BUILDS CONFIDENCE. WHEN YOU ARE CONFIDENT IN WHO GOD IS, THAT IS FAITH. HAVING FAITH ISN'T ALWAYS EASY. ALL CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE AT TIMES, BUT GROWTH IS POSSIBLE. MY SEED FAITH FOCUSES ON CULTIVATING FAITH, THE KIND OF FOOD THAT GIVES LIFE.



HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

IF YOU HAVE EVER GROWN A PLANT FROM A SEED, YOU KNOW THAT GROWTH TAKES TIME. TREAT THIS DEVOTIONAL LIKE A SEED YOU HAVE JUST PLANTED. “WATER” IT BY TAKING NOTES, WHETHER WRITTEN, RECORDED, OR SHARED IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS. DON’T BE AFRAID TO ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS. EVERY THOUGHT IS HELPFUL WHEN PROCESSING THE BIBLE, WHICH CAN OFTEN FEEL DENSE OR INTIMIDATING. TAKE YOUR TIME. RETURN TO THE SECTIONS IN THIS VOLUME OFTEN TO CHECK IN, JUST AS YOU WOULD WATCH A SEEDLING FOR THE FIRST SIGNS OF GROWTH. EACH VOLUME EXAMINES SPECIFIC VERSES IN THE BIBLE TO REVEAL MORE ABOUT WHO GOD IS. INTERPRETATIONS AND QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HELP YOU REFLECT DEEPLY ON THE TEXT. CONSIDER THESE INSIGHTS ALONGSIDE YOUR OWN PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AND THE LESSONS YOU ARE DISCOVERING ABOUT GOD’S CHARACTER. EXPLORING THE BIBLE IN THIS WAY CAN HELP YOU GROW A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEXT AND ALLOW YOUR FAITH TO FEEL MORE GROUNDED.

SPIRITUAL
BLINDNESS
SPIRITUAL
SIGHT







JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

IN JOHN 9:1-11 JESUS IS WITH HIS DISCIPLES, AND HE SEES SOMEONE. IT IS THE SABBATH AND THE PERSON HE SEES IS "A MAN BLIND FROM BIRTH" (JOHN 9:1). WHEN JESUS' DISCIPLES SEE THIS MAN, THEY ASSUME THAT THE REASON HE IS BLIND IS BECAUSE OF GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON HIM OR HIS PARENTS AND THEY ASK JESUS, "RABBI, WHO SINNED, THIS MAN OR HIS PARENTS, THAT HE WAS BORN BLIND (JOHN 9:2)"? ECHOING A COMMON MISCONCEPTION ABOUT GOD, THAT SUFFERING IS GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR SIN. BUT JESUS SAYS THAT IT IS NOT GOD'S DESIRE TO CAUSE PEOPLE TO SUFFER. IT IS GOD'S DESIRE THAT WE KNOW WHO HE IS. JESUS SAYS TO HIS DISCIPLES, "NEITHER THIS MAN NOR HIS PARENTS SINNED, BUT THIS HAPPENED SO THAT THE WORKS OF GOD MIGHT BE DISPLAYED IN HIM (JOHN 9:3)."



JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

THEN JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES THAT THEY ARE SERVANTS OF GOD AND AS SUCH MUST DO THE WORK THAT GOD IS INSTRUCTING THEM TO DO. JESUS SAYS, "AS LONG AS IT IS DAY, WE MUST DO THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME. NIGHT IS COMING, WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK" (JOHN 9:4). JESUS EXPLAINS THAT THE WORK THAT GOD IS ASKING JESUS TO DO IS TO BE THE "LIGHT OF THE WORLD". HE SAYS, "WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" (JOHN 9:5). JESUS WAS SAYING THAT THIS MAN'S SUFFERING WAS TEMPORARY SO THAT GOD COULD SHOW THAT HE SENT JESUS TO DO WORK THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN DO. THE LIGHT THAT JESUS IS TO THE WORLD AND WHAT HE IS INSTRUCTING HIS DISCIPLES TO BE IS ONE THAT HELPS PEOPLE (1) SEE WHO HE IS AND (2) SEE WHO GOD IS. JOHN 9:6-7 SAYS THAT JESUS HAS BEEN SENT TO OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND AND AS HIS DISCIPLES AND FOLLOWERS THIS IS OUR WORK AS WELL.



JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

AFTER JESUS SEES THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN BORN BLIND AND EXPLAINS TO HIS DISCIPLES THE SPIRITUAL WORK THAT HE HAS BEEN SENT TO DO, THEN JESUS GIVES A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF THIS SPIRITUAL WORK. JOHN 9:6-7 SAYS THAT JESUS “SPIT ON THE GROUND, AND MADE MUD WITH HIS SALIVA, AND PUT THE MUD ON THE MAN’S EYES AND SAID, “GO! WASH IN THE POOL OF SILOAM” (THIS WORD SILOAM MEANS ‘SENT’). “SO THE MAN WENT AND WASHED AND CAME HOME SEEING” (JOHN 9:6-7). JOHN 9:8-9 SAYS THAT THE NEIGHBORS OF THE MAN SAW HIM AND SAID, “ISN’T THIS THE SAME MAN WHO USED TO SIT AND BEG?” SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS WHO KNEW HIM CLAIMED THAT HE WAS AND OTHERS SAID, “NO, HE ONLY LOOKS LIKE HIM.” BUT HE, HIMSELF, INSISTED, “I AM THE MAN.” HE TOLD THEM I AM THE ONE WHO USED TO SIT AND BEG FOR MERCY AND COULD NOT FIND IT. AND THE PEOPLE ASKED, “HOW THEN WERE YOUR EYES OPENED?” HE REPLIED, “THE MAN THEY CALL JESUS MADE SOME MUD AND PUT IT ON MY EYES. HE TOLD ME TO GO TO SILOAM AND WASH. SO I WENT AND WASHED, AND THEN I COULD SEE” (JOHN 9:10-11).



WHAT DOES JESUS REVEAL HERE?

JESUS SENDS THE MAN BORN BLIND TO SILOAM TO SYMBOLIZE THAT JESUS IS THE ONE SENT BY GOD TO SHOW US WHO GOD IS AND TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S POWER ON EARTH. JESUS SAYS THAT HE DOES WORK ON BEHALF OF GOD. WHEN THE PHARISEES FIND OUT THAT THE MAN BORN BLIND HAS BEEN HEALED ON THE SABBATH THEY RIDICULE JESUS FOR THIS WORK, FOR WORKING ON A DAY THAT THE LAW SAYS THAT NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO WORK. WHEN JESUS SAYS, "I MUST DO THE WORK OF HIM WHO SENT ME" JESUS IS SAYING THAT HE IS ABLE TO DO WORK BY THE AUTHORITY OF GOD THAT ONLY HE CAN DO (JOHN 9:4). JESUS SAYS HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD WHICH TELLS US THAT JESUS' MESSAGE OPENS OUR EYES AND REMOVES DARKNESS AND SUFFERING OF OUR WAYS TO THE LIGHT AND REJOICING OF WHAT HE CAN DO FOR US, WHEN WE PUT OUR FAITH IN HIM AND NOT IN OURSELVES (JOHN 9:5).



WHAT DOES JESUS REVEAL HERE?

WHO JESUS IS WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE MAN WHO WAS BLIND FROM BIRTH. WHEN THIS MAN HEARD JESUS TELL HIM TO GO AND WASH THE MUD FROM YOUR EYES, HE LISTENED, HE BELIEVED AND HE WENT AND “HE CAME HOME SEEING” (JOHN 9:7). JESUS IS SENT BY GOD TO OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND SO THAT THEY CAN BELIEVE AND BE SAVED. ISAIAH PROPHESED ABOUT HIM, BEFORE HE WAS SENT WHEN HE SAID: “NEVERTHELESS, THERE WILL BE NO MORE GLOOM FOR THOSE WHO WERE IN DISTRESS. IN THE PAST HE HUMBLING THE LAND OF ZEBULON AND NAPHTALI, BUT IN THE FUTURE, HE WILL HONOR GALILEE OF THE NATIONS, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN. THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND OF DEEP DARKNESS A LIGHT HAS DAWNED” (ISAIAH 9:1-2). ISAIAH PROPHESED THAT JESUS WOULD BE THE ONE WHO WOULD DO WORK THAT WOULD REMOVE GLOOM FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE IN DISTRESS. THAT HE WOULD BE A LIGHT FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE IN A DEEP DARKNESS CREATED BY SEPARATION FROM GOD (ISAIAH 9:1-2); AND THAT THIS JESUS WOULD BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO RULE OVER ALL THE EARTH AND WOULD BE FOR US, WHO BELIEVE, “A WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, A MIGHTY GOD, AN EVERLASTING FATHER, A PRINCE OF PEACE” WHO WOULD ESTABLISH A WAY FOR US TO RECEIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE FOREVER (ISAIAH 9:6-7).

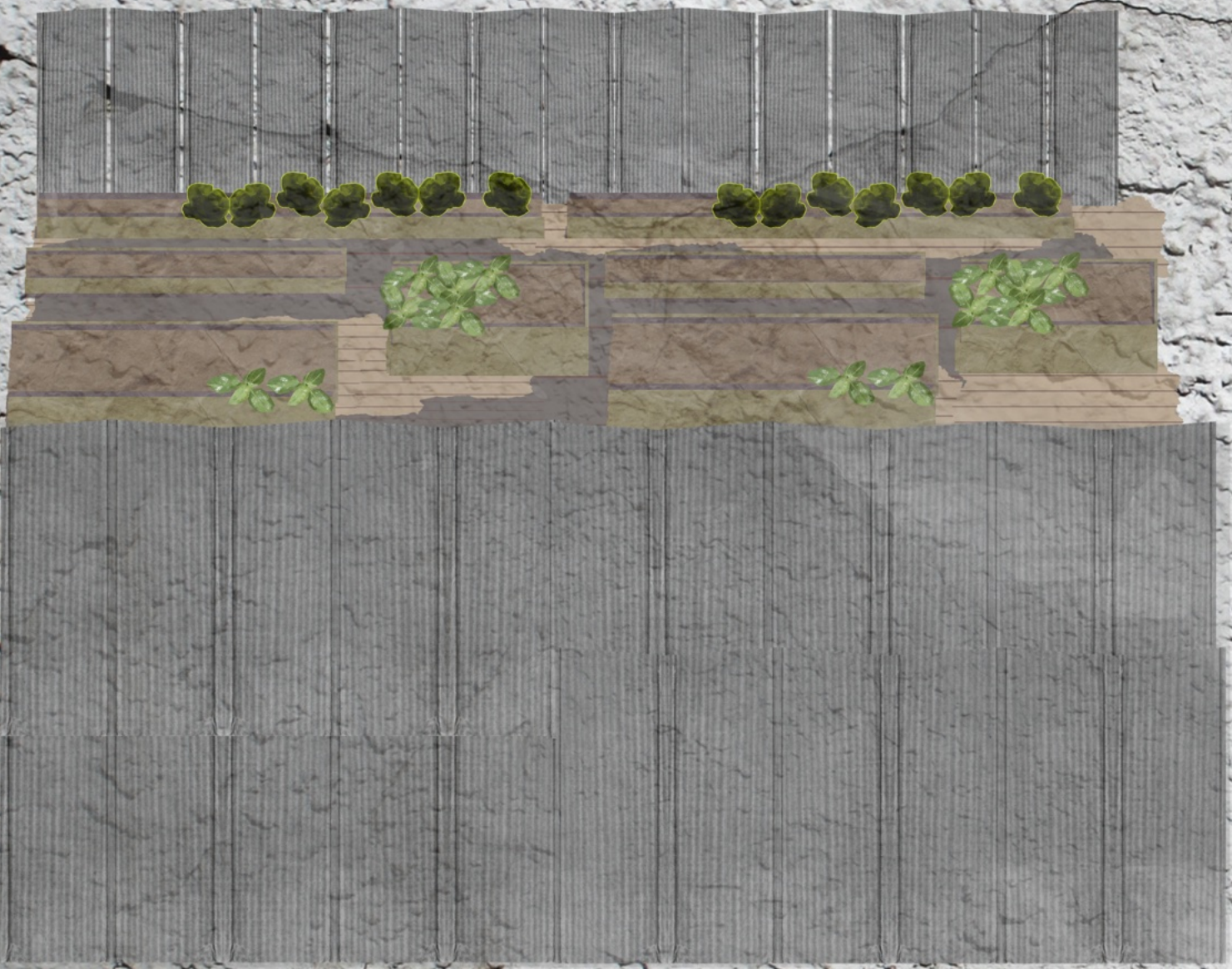


**WHAT DOES
IT MEAN TO
BE A LIGHT?**



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH LIKE THE MAN BORN BLIND, AND BELIEVE, YOUR EYES ARE OPENED AND YOU WILL SEE WHO GOD IS, A GOD WHO HAS SENT JESUS TO DO WORK THAT WILL HEAL OUR CONDITION. THE HEALING WORK THAT GOD DOES THROUGH JESUS DOES NOT END IN PHYSICAL HEALING. THE WORK THAT JESUS HAS DONE CONNECTS YOU BACK TO THE SOURCE OF ALL SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL BLESSINGS. TO GO, LIKE THE MAN, AND WASH MEANS TO TURN FROM TRUSTING YOURSELF OR OTHERS TO TRUSTING IN GOD AND HE PROMISES THAT LIKE THE MAN YOU WILL GO FROM YOUR FORMER BLINDNESS OF NOT KNOWING GOD TO SEEING WHO HE REALLY IS.



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS?

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IS THE INABILITY TO BELIEVE IN THE WORK JESUS HAS DONE AND THE INABILITY TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS WHO HE HAS SAID THAT HE IS. EXAMPLES OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS ARE THE MAN'S NEIGHBORS WHO REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS HAD OPENED THE EYES OF A MAN WHO HAD BEEN BORN BLIND; AND THE JEWISH LEADERS WHO CRITICIZED JESUS FOR DOING WORK ON THE SABBATH. THEY WERE OUTRAGED AND SAID, "THIS MAN (JESUS) IS NOT FROM GOD, FOR HE DOES NOT KEEP THE SABBATH" (JOHN 9:16). THEY COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT GOD WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO DO WORK THAT THE LAW SAID WAS FORBIDDEN; AND JOHN 9:13-34 TELLS THE ACCOUNT OF THEIR DISBELIEF. THEY WERE SO OUTRAGED AT HIS TESTIMONY THAT THEY, "HURLED INSULTS AT HIM AND SAID, "YOU (THE MAN BORN BLIND) ARE THIS FELLOW'S (JESUS) DISCIPLE! WE ARE DISCIPLES OF MOSES! WE KNOW THE GOD THAT SPOKE TO MOSES, BUT AS FOR THIS FELLOW, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE COMES FROM" (JOHN 9:28-29). SO THEY THREW THE MAN OUT OF THE TEMPLE (JOHN 9:34).



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS?

JESUS SAYS THAT HE WAS SENT INTO THE WORLD TO BRING A JUDGEMENT THAT WOULD CAUSE THE BLIND TO SEE AND THOSE WHO SEE TO BECOME BLIND (JOHN 9:39). THOSE WHO BELIEVE WILL SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO JESUS IS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE WILL REMAIN BLIND. "SOME OF THE PHARISEES WHO WERE WITH JESUS, HEARD HIM SAY THIS AND ASKED, 'WHAT? ARE WE BLIND TOO?' AND JESUS SAID, 'IF YOU WERE BLIND, YOU WOULD NOT BE GUILTY OF SIN (DISBELIEF), BUT NOW THAT YOU CLAIM YOU CAN SEE, YOUR GUILT REMAINS'" (JOHN 9:40-41). JESUS WAS TELLING THEM THAT THEY WERE GUILTY OF DISBELIEF AND SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS TO WHO HE IS, THE ONE WHO FORGIVES. THE JEWISH LEADERS WHO FOLLOWED THE LAWS OF THE OLD COVENANT READ FROM THE LAW THAT PEOPLE WHO DID NOT FOLLOW THE LAW WERE PUNISHED AND CONDEMNED. THEY CALLED THE MAN BORN BLIND A SINNER AND THREW HIM OUT OF THE TEMPLE BECAUSE HE WAS TESTIFYING OF A POWER GREATER THAN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THEY CALLED JESUS A SINNER FOR DOING WORK ON THE SABBATH. THE JEWISH LEADERS' UNDERSTANDING ABOUT GOD CAME FROM THE OLD COVENANT LAW THAT REQUIRED SACRIFICES TO PLEASE GOD AND REMOVE GUILT. JESUS WAS SHOWING THAT HE WAS SENT AS A FINAL SACRIFICE ON BEHALF OF ALL THAT WOULD PLEASE GOD AND WOULD FULFILL THE OLD COVENANT LAW AND ESTABLISH A NEW COVENANT.



**WHY DID THE
JEWISH
LEADERS
REFUSE TO
BELIEVE?**



**WHY WOULDN'T
THE NEIGHBORS
BELIEVE?**



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL SIGHT?

IF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IS THE INABILITY TO BELIEVE IN THE WORK THAT JESUS HAS DONE, SPIRITUAL SIGHT IS THE ABILITY TO SEE WHO JESUS IS AND BELIEVE. THE MAN WHOSE SIGHT HAD BEEN RESTORED BELIEVED. JOHN 9:35-38 SAYS THAT "JESUS HEARD THAT THE JEWISH LEADERS HAD THROWN THE MAN OUT OF THE TEMPLE AND WHEN JESUS FOUND HIM, JESUS SAID: 'DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?' AND THE MAN SAID, 'WHO IS HE, SIR? TELL ME THAT I MAY BELIEVE IN HIM.' JESUS SAID, 'YOU HAVE NOW SEEN HIM, IN FACT, HE IS THE ONE SPEAKING TO YOU.' THEN THE MAN SAID, 'LORD, I BELIEVE' AND HE WORSHIPPED HIM. THE MAN WHOSE SIGHT HAD BEEN RESTORED WAS A TESTIMONY OF THE WORK THAT JESUS' SACRIFICE WOULD DO FOR EVERYONE, THE WORK WAS NOT JUST RESTORING PHYSICAL SIGHT, BUT WOULD RESTORE SPIRITUAL SIGHT, UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHO JESUS IS. THROUGH HIS WORK, JESUS WAS SHOWING A SPIRITUAL TRUTH THAT WOULD OPEN THE SPIRITUAL EYES OF EVERYONE WHO HEARD HIM AND BELIEVED. THIS SPIRITUAL TRUTH IS THAT HE WAS SENT TO BE THE SACRIFICE FOR ALL SIN AND BEAR THE JUDGEMENT FOR ALL GUILT AND THAT HIS SACRIFICE WOULD DO A WASHING THAT WOULD CLEANSE AND SAVE.



**HOW DID THE
MAN BORN
BLIND'S FAITH
DIFFER FROM
THE OTHERS?**



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS SENT TO DO THIS WORK, LIKE THE BLIND MAN'S EYES WERE OPENED YOUR SPIRITUAL EYES WILL BE OPENED AND YOU WILL SEE WHO JESUS IS: GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS WHO CAN DO WORK THAT WE CANNOT DO.



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I will take vengeance in anger and wrath
on the nations that have not obeyed me.

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Remember your journey from Shilim to
Ogilal, that you may know, the righteous
acts of the Lord. With what shall I com-
before the Lord and bow down before the
exalted God? Shall I come before him with
burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands
of rams with ten thousand rivers of olive
oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my
transgression, the fruit of my body for the
sin of my soul? He has shown you, O
mortal, what is good. And what does the
Lord require of you? To act justly and to
love mercy and to walk humbly with your
God.

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THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

IN MARK 4:1-20 JESUS IS TELLING A PARABLE. JESUS USES PARABLES TO DESCRIBE SPIRITUAL TRUTHS IN WAYS THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND THEM. YET AFTER SHARING THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER THE DISCIPLES STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING. AND JESUS EXPLAINS FURTHER. JESUS SAID THAT SOME OF THE SEED THAT THE FARMER PLANTED FELL IN PLACES WHERE THE PLANT COULD NOT DEVELOP FOR VARIOUS REASONS:



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

NO SOIL.

ONE REASON WAS THAT THERE WAS NO SOIL. THE SEED FELL ON THE PATH THE FARMER WAS WALKING ON AND THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR IT TO TAKE ROOT SO AS SOON AS THE BIRDS SAW THE SEEDS THEY ATE IT (MARK 4:4).



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

SHALLOW ROOTS

ANOTHER REASON WAS THAT THEIR ROOTS WERE TOO SHALLOW. SOME OF THE SEED FELL ON SOIL THAT HAD A LOT OF ROCKS AND THE SEEDS WERE ABLE TO TAKE ROOT BUT NOT FULLY SO THEY WERE ELONGATED AND WEAK TRYING TO GROW AMONG ROCKS AND WHEN THE HEAT OF THE SUN CAME THEY WERE SCORCHED (MARK 4:5-6).



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

TOO MUCH COMPETITION

ANOTHER REASON WAS THAT THERE WAS TOO MUCH COMPETITION. THERE WAS OTHER SEED THAT FELL ON SOIL THAT HAD THORN BUSHES AND THE SEEDS TOOK ROOT AND GREW BUT THE COMPETITION OF THE THORNS CHOKED THEM, AND THEY COULD NOT MATURE AND BEAR FRUIT. THE PLANT COULD GROW BUT NOT WELL ENOUGH TO PRODUCE ANYTHING (MARK 4:7).



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

GOOD SOIL

THEN JESUS SAYS SOME OF THE SEEDS THAT THE FARMER PLANTED FELL ON SOIL THAT WAS GOOD FOR PLANTING AND THE PLANTS COULD TAKE ROOT AND GROW. SOME OF THE SEEDS GREW INTO PLANTS THAT PRODUCED MORE THAN EXPECTED: THIRTY TIMES MORE, SOME SIXTY TIMES MORE AND SOME A HUNDRED TIMES MORE (MARK 4:8).



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

JESUS' DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT SOMETIMES A FARMER PLANTS AND NOT ALL OF THE SEEDS GERMINATE, GROW AND PRODUCE A CROP, BUT WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD (MARK 4:10)? JESUS SAYS TO THEM THAT THE FACT THAT THEY RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE SON OF GOD MEANS THAT "THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU" (MARK 4:11). HE HAS TO SPEAK TO EVERYONE ELSE IN PARABLES SO THAT THEY WILL HEAR WHAT HE IS SAYING AND BELIEVE THAT HE IS WHO GOD HAS SENT (MARK 4:11). JESUS SAID THAT ISAIAH PROPHESED THAT THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE IN JESUS' LIFETIME THAT WOULD SEE HIM AND HEAR HIM BUT NEVER UNDERSTAND HIM, BUT IF THEY EVER DID THEY WOULD TURN FROM WHAT THEY PUT THEIR FAITH IN TO HIM AND BE FORGIVEN (ISAIAH 6:9-10). JESUS SAYS THAT THE PARABLE IS ABOUT THIS TURNING AFTER HEARING THE WORDS OF LIFE THAT JESUS HAS GIVEN.



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

THE PARABLE IS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HEARD JESUS AND SAW HIM WHILE HE MINISTERED ON EARTH AND PEOPLE WHO WILL HEAR AND SEE HIS DISCIPLES TEACHING, PREACHING AND GIVING THEIR TESTIMONY ABOUT WHO JESUS IS. JESUS' DISCIPLES ARE LIKE THE FARMER (MARK 4:14) AND WHAT THEY ARE PLANTING IS THE WORD OF GOD INTO THE EARS, HEARTS AND MINDS OF PEOPLE (MARK 4:14).



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

NO SOIL.

SOME PEOPLE WILL BE LIKE SEEDS THAT FALL ALONG THE PATH. AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, THE SPIRIT THAT OPPOSES GOD WILL TELL THEM THAT WHAT THEY'VE HEARD ABOUT JESUS IS NOT TRUE; AND THAT THAT WORD IS NOT SOMETHING THEY SHOULD ALLOW TO ROOT AND GROW IN THEIR LIFE. THIS OPPOSING SPIRIT WILL TAKE AWAY, LIKE THE BIRDS IN THE PARABLE, THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM (MARK 4:15).



**WAS ANYONE IN
THE ACCOUNT OF
THE MAN BORN
BLIND LIKE THIS?
HOW?**



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

SHALLOW ROOTS

OTHER PEOPLE WILL BE LIKE SEEDS SOWN THAT HAD SHALLOW ROOTS. THEY WILL HEAR THE WORD, BUT THEY CANNOT APPLY IT TO THEIR LIVES, EVEN IF AT FIRST THEY ACCEPT AND UNDERSTAND IT. AS SOON AS TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES, THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE STRONG ENOUGH IN THE WORD THAT THEY HEARD AND WILL QUICKLY LOSE FAITH (MARK 4:16-17).



**WAS ANYONE IN
THE ACCOUNT OF
THE MAN BORN
BLIND LIKE THIS?
How?**



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

TOO MUCH COMPETITION

THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKE PLACES WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN AND HAS ENOUGH SOIL TO TAKE ROOT AND GROW BUT MUST COMPETE WITH OTHER BELIEFS THAT ARE LIKE THE THORN BUSH IN THE PARABLE. THE COMPETITION ALLOWS THE WORD TO GROW BUT IT CANNOT PRODUCE ENOUGH FAITH THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO TRUST IN THE WORD OF GOD MORE THAN THE WORRIES OF LIFE, THE POWER OF WEALTH, OR MANY OTHER THINGS THAT THEY DESIRE (MARK 4:19).



**WAS ANYONE IN
THE ACCOUNT OF
THE MAN BORN
BLIND LIKE THIS?
HOW?**



HOW DO I APPLY IT TO MY LIFE?

GOOD SOIL

THEN JESUS SAYS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL OR THE MAN BORN BLIND, WHO HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT AND PRODUCE A CROP. THEY HAVE FAITH, THEY BELIEVE THE WORD, AND THEY APPLY WHAT THEY HEAR TO THEIR LIVES AND THE WORD PRODUCES IN THEM GREATER FAITH IN GOD. THEY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS WHO HE SAID HE IS AND THEY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS ABLE TO DO WORK THAT HE HAS SAID HE CAN DO. THIS FAITH ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN THEIR LIVES. IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT REVEALS MORE ABOUT WHO GOD IS, HELPS THEIR FAITH TO GROW AND ALLOWS THEM TO APPLY WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED TO THEIR LIVES.



**WAS ANYONE IN
THE ACCOUNT OF
THE MAN BORN
BLIND LIKE THIS?
HOW?**



REFLECTION

HOW HAVE THESE VERSES
CHANGED THE WAY YOU SEE
GOD, JESUS AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT? WHAT IS CLEARER TO
YOU NOW, AND WHAT ARE
YOU STILL WONDERING
ABOUT?



PRAYER

JESUS, I BELIEVE, LIKE THE MAN BORN BLIND, THAT YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND I THANK YOU THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ILLUMINATE WHO YOU ARE THROUGH SCRIPTURES, GIVING ME POWER TO DO THE WORK THAT GOD DESIRES, TO HAVE FAITH IN YOU AND NOT IN MYSELF. I ASK THAT WHAT I LEARN FROM YOUR WORD; FROM READING SCRIPTURE, WOULD HELP MY FAITH IN YOU TO GROW; AND THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE IN ME FAITH THAT YOU CAN USE TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR WILL FOR MY LIFE. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT OF MERCY AND FORGIVENESS AND THAT YOU HAVE DONE A WORK FOR ME THAT I COULD NOT DO FOR MYSELF. OPEN MY EYES, LIKE YOU DID FOR THE MAN BORN BLIND AND GIVE ME SPIRITUAL INSIGHT TO UNDERSTAND THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND MY INHERITANCE.







GROWING FOOD
THAT GIVES
LIFE