



Isn't That the Blind Man

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READING: Matthew 9

Do you ever feel like someone is talking about you? You know they are looking right at you, maybe pointing in your direction, maybe giggling? That's a common fear for a teenager, but I think as adults we feel it a little less intensely. In today's passage can you imagine being one of the people Jesus healed? What if you were the guy that was paralyzed or the girl that died or one of the blind men or the demon-possessed man? Jesus healed all these people. Don't you think you would attract a little attention wherever you went? I believe you would. Jesus told the blind men in verse 30, "See that no one knows about this!" What was their reaction? Verse 31 tells us "But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout that land." These men had been healed of their blindness and Jesus tells them not to tell anyone about it. That did not work out too well. If I were blind and then received my sight, I think I would tell everyone I could about the person who healed me. Their Google reviews would blow up. This story makes sense to us and we think, of course I would tell others. By the end of this chapter, after all the healing, Jesus realizes this about the people and verse 36 says "He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus then tells his disciples in verse 37 "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." You would think we, who were blind but now see, would be so excited that we would tell everyone about the one who helped us see spiritually. But life, business, fear and other circumstances get in the way. The harvest is around us but few of us work the harvest. Few of us get to see people come to faith.

When people around us see us do they think - that's so and so who used to be...but now they are a Christian and their life is very different? Do we see the harvest around us, and that God is working in the mission field all around us? Are we excited about our relationship with God and are we willing to be used by God to reach those around us?

PRAYER: God, thank You for helping me see spiritually. Help me see the harvest around me and be willing to be used by You as a worker in Your harvest.

TOMORROW'S READING: Matthew 10

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