



Can You See?

By Taylor Braswell on September 23, 2022

TODAY'S READING: John 9

Sometimes there are physical consequences when we sin. When we live outside of God's design for our lives and try to find satisfaction in things other than Him, it ends in our destruction. For example, if someone has sex with multiple people, they may get an STD. If someone is an alcoholic, they may get a liver disease. There are real consequences for our sin. But this does not mean that anytime someone has a disease, there was a sin directly responsible for it. We live in a fallen world and because we are sinful, our bodies get sick, and we are not perfect. In John Chapter 9, Jesus is asked why a blind man was blind. It was a common belief in that day to assume that someone was suffering because they had sinned. Jesus answers and says the blind man did not sin, and his parents did not sin in any way that caused this. In fact, Jesus tells His disciples that he is blind so the works of God could be displayed through him. Jesus then heals this man so everyone could see how awesome God is. This man who was blind went and told who Jesus was! God uses things we might think are horrible (like being blind) for His own glory.

My friend, Daniel, was born with no arms. In fact, doctors encouraged his parents to abort him because they said he would have a miserable life. They also predicted Daniel would have all sorts of other things wrong with him. Daniel's parents did not abort him, and when Daniel was born, he was a healthy baby boy that was just missing his arms! Daniel has a wife and kids now, but he has not had an easy life. Daniel has back problems from years of having to do normal tasks with his feet instead of his hands. When Daniel is driving (yes, he can drive) or when he goes anywhere, people stare at him. The amazing thing about Daniel is that he is one of the nicest, happiest people you would ever meet. Daniel does not complain and is always giving God glory. You see, because of how Daniel was born, he has been able to travel the country and talk to people about being pro-life. Daniel has been on national television several times because of his story and he has been able to share the gospel with thousands of people! Daniel has been able to encourage other people who have disabilities, and he reminds them that God has a plan for their lives and that their suffering makes them more like Christ. Daniel knows his life was meant to point people to God and to give Him glory. How awesome would it be if we all could have the same mindset in any situation? No matter what has happened to you or what you are going through, you can be glad that once you were blind, and now you can see. To God be the glory.

PRAYER: God, You are perfect, and You do not make mistakes. Use my life for Your glory and humble me today. Give me a heart of thanksgiving for all that You have done for me.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: John 10

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