

'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." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.' John 9:11-12 NIV

'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.' John 9:13-16 NIV

'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.' John 9:17-22 NIV

'A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"' John 9:24-25 NIV

You want to understand _____ before you believe _____.

'Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." The man answered, "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." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.' John 9:26-33 NIV

**Wilful _____, _____ to look.
Refusing to _____ what can be _____.**

The _____ of the box.

Perhaps God is _____ than you _____ He was.

It is _____ okay not to _____ if there is something to be _____.



1. What are some things people put full trust in without having all the information?

2. Give some examples of proof people would like to have before believing in God.

3. Read John 9:1–20.

- What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe that this actually happened?
- In v2, there was an assumption that sin and suffering were connected. Were you raised to believe that? What do you think about that?
- In v3, Jesus said that purpose can be found in the lifelong suffering of the blind man. How does it resonate with you that suffering might have a purpose tied to it?
- Similar to the sign from John 5, Jesus seems to violate the Sabbath tradition held by the Pharisees. Why does John continue to mention this?

4. Read John 9:24–25, where the formerly blind man focuses on the main thing—he could now see! Does what the man said remind you of something that happened in your own life?

5. Think of a season of your life that was difficult through no fault of your own. You may be in one currently. Is there something about that season God used (or could use) to shape your faith. If so, what?

6. If you became a follower of Jesus as an adult, is there one pivotal circumstance that caused you to turn the corner? If so, what was it?

7. In which of these aspects of your faith journey would you like your “eyes opened” more? Explain. Hope • Joy • Love • Forgiveness • Contentment • Peace • Understanding • Patience

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