**“The Blind Man’s Story”**

Going deeper in John 9:1-7, 13-15, 30-38

**INTRODUCTION** – Jesus and his disciples are traveling and the following happens.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?” 3 “Neither he or his parents sinned,” Jesus said. “Instead, you should be looking for what God might do in his life. 4 We must do the work of Him who sent me as long as we have today. The night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When he had said this he spit in the dust and made some paste with the saliva. He anointed the blind man’s eyes with the paste. 7 Jesus said to him, “Go and wash in the pool of Siloam (Siloam means “Sent”). The man went and washed and he came home seeing.

*\*Many have seen the formerly blind man and the Pharisees are investigating.*

13 They brought the man who was formerly blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was the Sabbath when Jesus made the paste and opened his eyes. 15 The Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He said, “He put paste on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see.”

*\*The Pharisees continue their questioning of the man.*

30 The man answered them, “This is amazing. You don’t know where he (Jesus) came from yet he opened my eyes! 31We know that God does not give an audience to sinners, but listens carefully to those who live in reverence for God and do his will. 32 No one has heard of the opening of the eyes of someone born blind – ever. 33 If this man didn’t come from God, he wouldn’t be able to do anything.” 34 They answered, “You were completely born in sin, how dare you lecture us?” Then they threw him out in the street. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out and went and found him. He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “Who is he, sir, that I my believe in him?” 37 You are looking right at him and he is talking with you right now. 38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshipped him.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why would the disciples think it could be the man who sinned since he was blind from birth?

2. Why do you think Jesus told the man to go to the pool of Siloam and wash in order to be healed?

3. Why don’t the Pharisees want to believe this man was healed?

4. What are the two kinds of blindness in this passage?

5. How does your story compare to the blind man’s story?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord for finding you.

\*Ask the Lord to give you eyes to see his work in your life and the lives of others today.

\*Ask the Spirit of God to open the eyes of those you know who have not seen Him and His work in their lives yet.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

The blind man is healed and shared his story. He experiences opposition. When you experience opposition will you remain faithful to Jesus in word and deed this week?