MIRACLES OF JESUS Opening Blind Eyes

Question: Share a time when you had a question or a situation in life that didn't make sense.
Question: Have you ever had a situation that was blurry but later you could see clearly? What was it about?
John 9:1-2 - As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
Question: Why do you think that we blame others when we can't see clearly?
What does God want us to see when life is blurry?
1) See through the <u>obstacle</u> illusions.
John 9:3 - "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."
Question: Why do you think we oftentimes get stuck looking at the obstacle instead of at the solution?
Question: What should we do when what we see doesn't equal what is real?
What mountain in your life are you unable to move?
Isaiah 45:2-3 – "I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 3 I will give youriches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord"
Question: Have you ever had a time when God directed you to do something that didn't make sense? What did you do?

2) See God's response to our immediate obedience.

John 9:6-7 - Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

Question:	What is God asking you to do now that doesn't make sense?	

o Delayed obedience is disobedience every time.

Psalms 119:10, 18, 151 - I see you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your <u>commands</u>...

18 <u>Open my eyes</u> that I may see wonderful things in your law... 151 you are near, O Lord and <u>all</u> your commands are true.

Question: Have you ever thought that perhaps a breakthrough is waiting for your obedience?

Matthew 6:33-34 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

3) See your blind spots.

John 9:27-33 - 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?" ²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

John 9:13-16 - They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

Question:	What is your blind spot?	

Question: What are you so focused on that you have in front of you as a priority that is preventing you from seeing what is right next to you?
The result of finding clarity helps us to see Jesus.
John 9:35-38 - Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.
• Seeing isn't believing, believing is seeing.
Question: What have you been blinded to that God opened your eyes?
Question: Are you facing any mountains or obstacles now that you would like to share?
Question: Are there priorities in your life that need to be rearranged?
Question: Did God speak to you through this miracle, if so, how?