

# After Miracles

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# Our Series

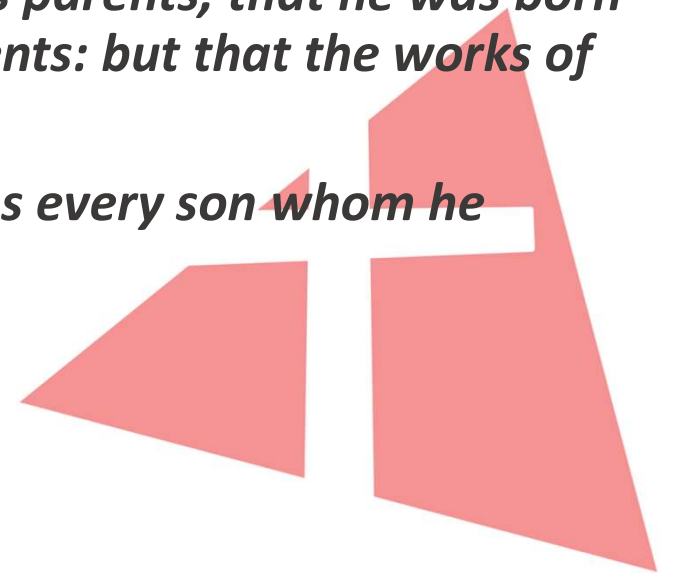
- **The Gospel of John**
- **Today's Focus: The Miracle of the man born blind**



# Sin and Suffering

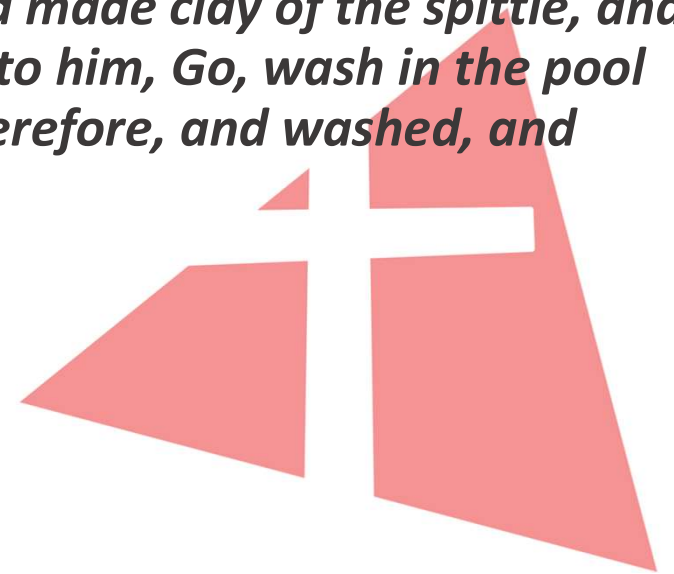
*John 9:1-3 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Teacher, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

*Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.*



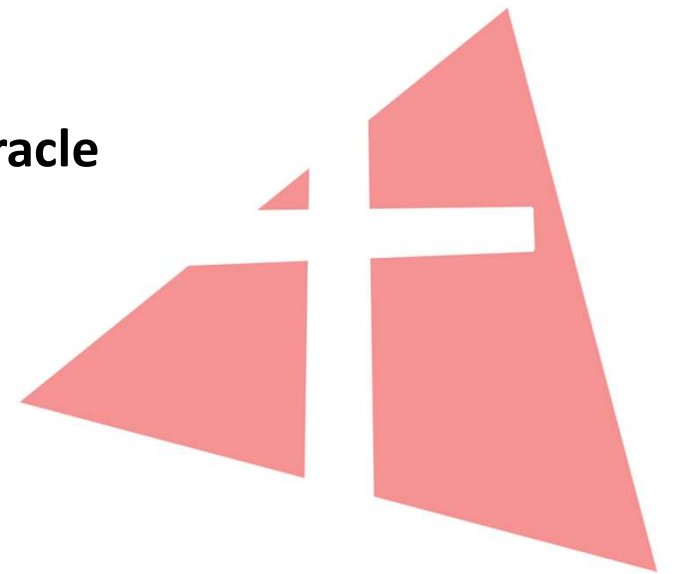
# The Healing

*John 9:6-7 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*



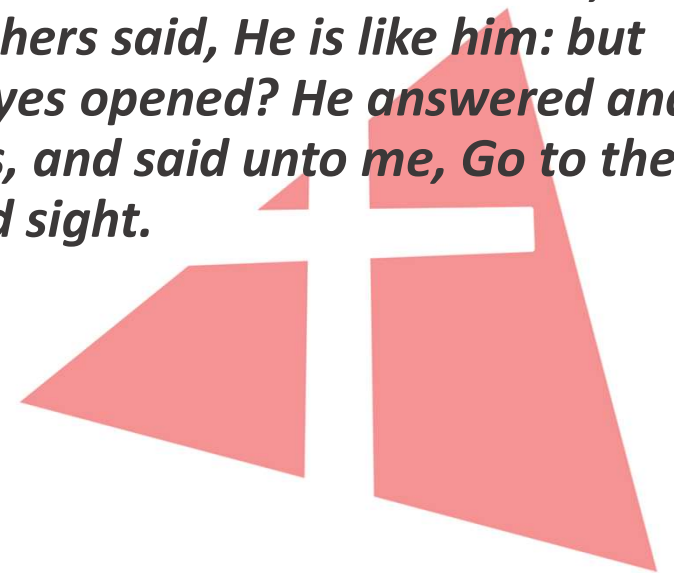
# Remember

- **God's primary purpose of a miracle is not for us**
- **God's primary purpose is that we give Glory to Him for the miracle**



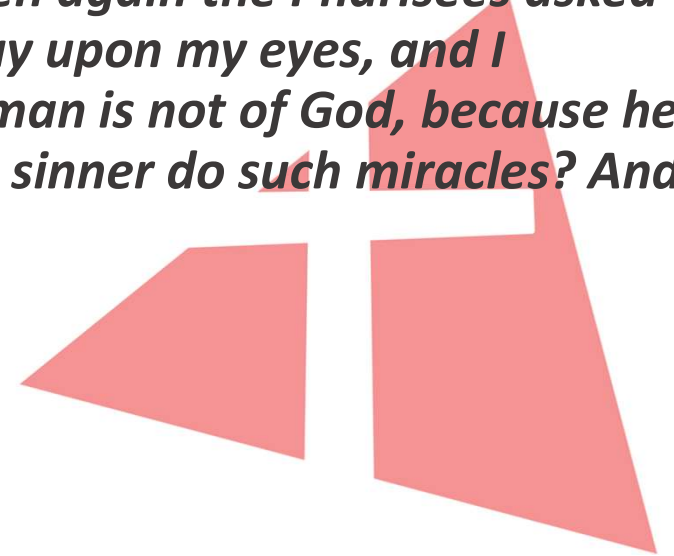
# Confusion

*John 9:8-11 The neighbors therefore, and they who before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were your eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.*



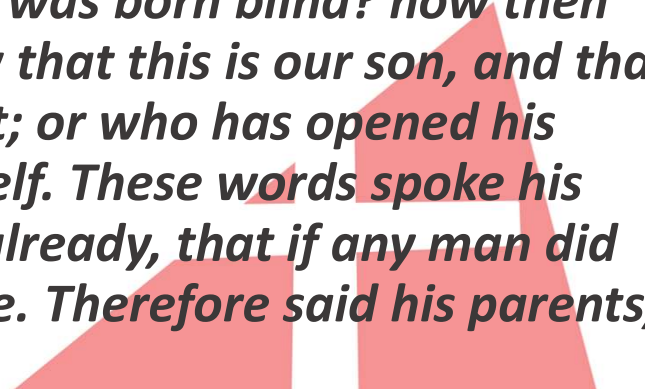
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*John 9:13-16 They brought to the Pharisees him that formerly was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keeps not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.*



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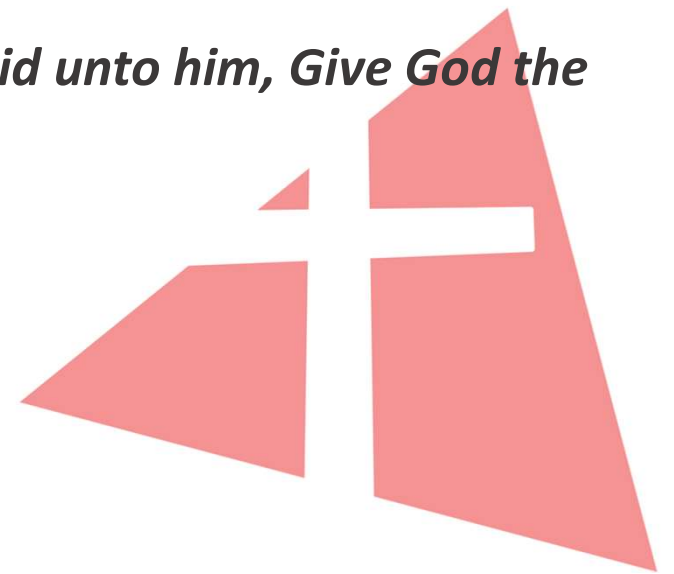
*John 9:17-23 They said unto the blind man again, What say you of him, that he has opened your eyes? He said, He is a prophet. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who you say was born blind? how then does he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now sees, we know not; or who has opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spoke his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.*





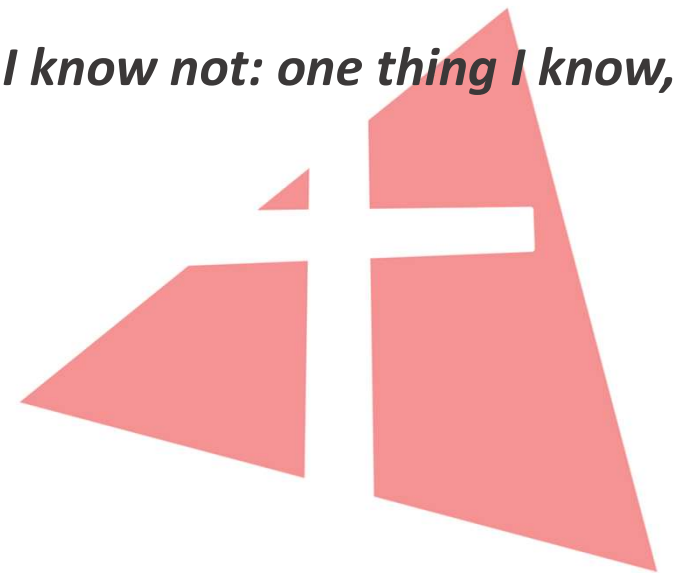
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*John 9:24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.*



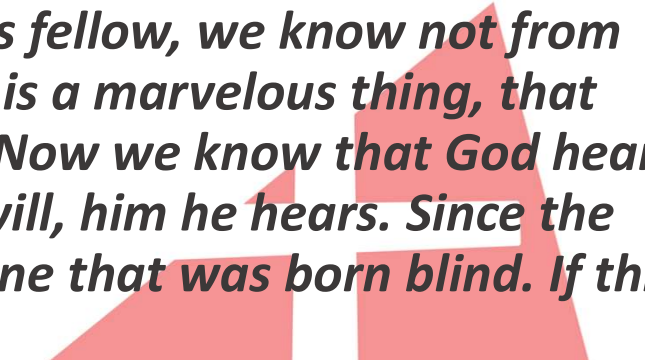
# The Man's Focus

*John 9:25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or not, I know not: one thing I know, that, though I was blind, now I see.*



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*John 9:26-33 Then said they to him again, What did he do to you? how opened he your eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and you did not hear: why would you hear it again? will you also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, You are his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from where he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why, in this is a marvelous thing, that you know not from where he is, and yet he has opened my eyes. Now we know that God hears not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.*



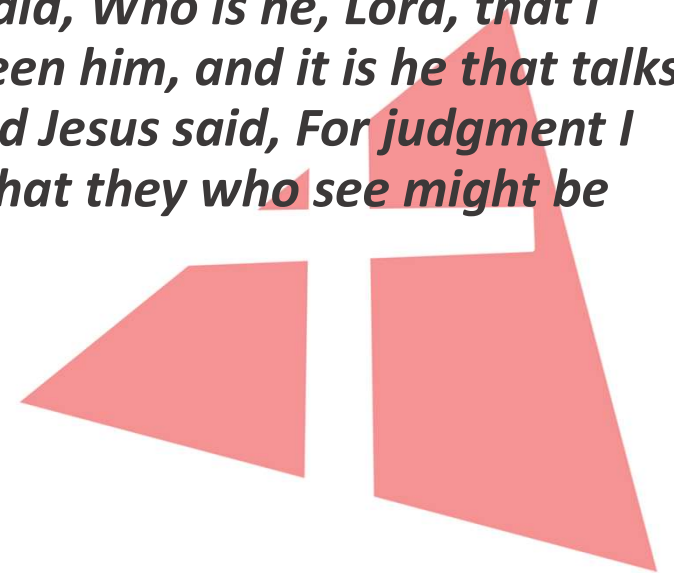
# The Result

*John 9:34 They answered and said unto him, You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us? And they cast him out.*



# Jesus' Intervention

*John 9:35-39 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Do you believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, You have both seen him, and it is he that talks with you. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped him. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they who see not might see; and that they who see might be made blind.*



# What's the Point of this Story?

- **When Jesus performs a miracle, satan tries to take away our attention from the miracle**



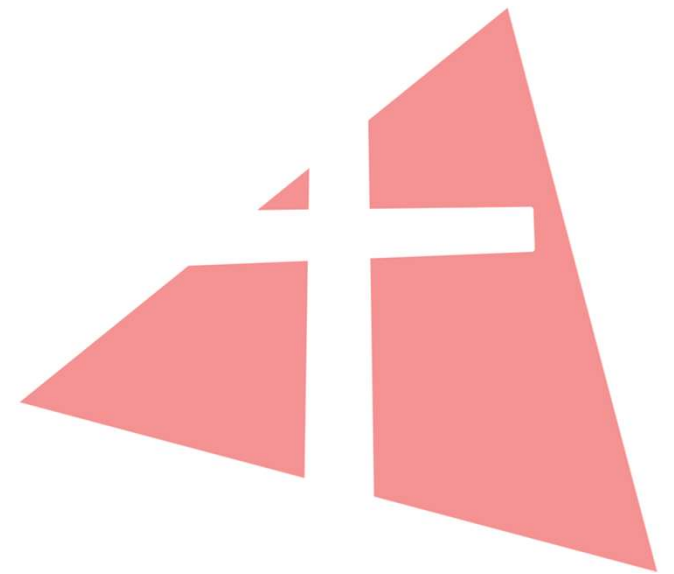
# Another Important Principle

- **Satan cannot undo the miracle**
- **But satan tries to change our view on the miracle**



# Application

- **Satan will try to get our attention to focus on other things instead of focusing on the miracle**
- **Satan will try to add confusion**
- **Satan will try to minimize the Glory we give to God**





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- **We tend to forget and rationalize**
- **We tend to change our minds when things get tough some time down the road**

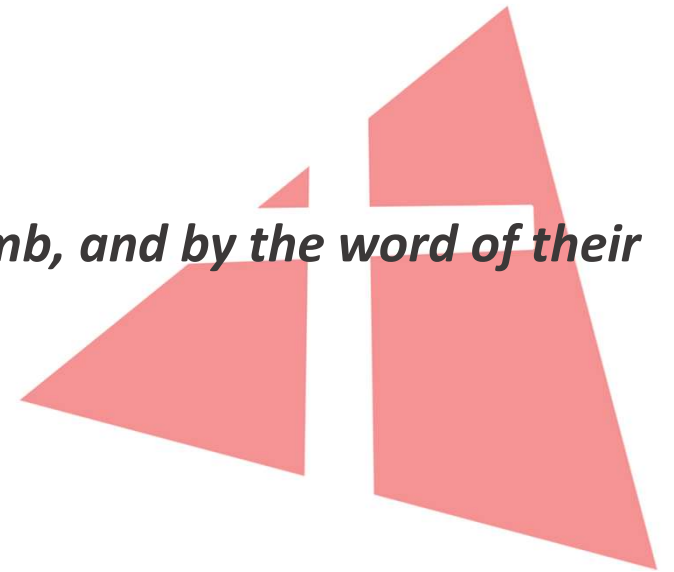


# Application

- **Remember God's miracles and answered prayers**

- Record the miracles
- Share your testimony
- ...

*Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.*



# In Conclusion

- **The Growth of our Faith is directly linked with being able to see and remember God's Miracles in our lives**

