

GOD TIMES: DAY 2

4-5

Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Blind Man • *John 9*

Bottom Line: God made you to trust Him.



Read John 9:3: “He was born blind so that God’s power could be shown by what’s going to happen” (NIV).

Have you ever thought to yourself, “If I just didn’t have _____, my life would be so easy”?
Or, “If only I didn’t have to _____, then I’d have it made”?

If you’ve ever thought that way, then you’re not alone. The truth is, all of us have challenges that we have to face and overcome. Some people have a learning disability that makes school tough. Some people have a stressful living situation at home. Some people have physical challenges, like allergies, or asthma, or diabetes, or like the man Jesus met who couldn’t see.

What is it for you? What’s that *thing* that makes your life so much more difficult? And why do you think God allowed it to happen anyway?

That can be tough to understand. And the people in Jesus’ time had a hard time understanding it, too. They asked if the man was blind because he had done something wrong. But Jesus said that definitely *wasn’t* it. The man’s blindness was actually going to be the thing in his life that showed the biggest example of God’s power.

When we look at our struggles that way, it changes the way we act. We start to view our challenges as an *opportunity* for God to shine bright in our lives. You’ve probably met some people who had a great attitude even in a tough situation. That’s because they knew God made them on purpose, and they *trusted* Him in the middle of it.

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Have you ever seen God show His power through something tough or scary in your life?
2. Jesus asked the man to wash in the pool, and he did it. Why do think it’s so important for us to be obedient to God even in the middle of our struggles?
3. How does it show that we trust God when we persevere through something difficult?