

DO YOU HAVE

A

**SPIRITUAL
BLIND-SPOT**

Got Any Blind Spots?

John 9:35-41

Part 1

When you drive, you encounter "blind spots"—it could be part of your own car or it could be a tree that hides traffic on the other side. Those blind spots hinder both progress and ultimately, safety. When Jesus healed a blind man in Jerusalem,

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the same man was also healed of his spiritual blindness. But others who thought their spiritual perception was keen were as blind as a bat! As we consider this story, can you think of any blind spots in your spiritual journey?

The Most Humbling Reality—*God seeks for US*
(v. 35)

One of my favorite Country Gospel Songs is
Calling You
Sung by Hank Williams Sr.

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"For the Son of Man has come to save that
which was lost."

Matthew 18:11

Luke 15 illustrates that in the story of
The lost sheep the lost coin and the lost boy

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Jesus found him

Kicked out of temple - Lord of the temple goes
to find him

Rejected by man's religious-Son of God from
heaven finds, accepts him

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Jesus style

"Whoever comes to me, I will by no means cast
out"—John 6:37

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Leave the 99 sheep for the sake of one
wandering sheep—Matthew 18:12-14

II. the Most Important Priority—*That We Believe* (vv. 35-37)

Question about Faith

You! Do you believe? -arrest attention; focus and emphasize spiritual need

Jesus targeted those He healed so that He might be glorified and others might believe in Him

Faith is more valuable than health. —Matthew 5:29

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Question about Identity

The man had been waiting his whole life for
Messiah

Show me that I may believe

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Ready to believe

Highest priority is that you believe in Jesus Christ –John 3:16

Believe-not to acknowledge God exists, but to commit to, rely on, adhere to

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C.H. Spurgeon-98 percent of the people he met—including the criminals he visited in England's prisons—told him that they believed the Bible to be true. But the vast majority had never made a personal, life-changing commitment to Jesus Christ. For them, "believe" was not an active verb.

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Charles Spurgeon

Be satisfied with nothing less than a faith that swims in the deeps of divine revelation, not a faith that paddles about the edge of the water

For that is a poor faith at best and good for much

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Do you believe

The blind man now with his sight

He can see now

Show me that I might believe

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III. The Most Obvious Certainty—*Because We
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Affirmation

Lord I believe

Belief is the beginning of the spiritual journey

Jesus a man –John 9:11

Jesus a prophet –John 9:17

Jesus the Son of God–John 9:38

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Natural Progression

Blind to spiritual truth; don't even know it

Jesus opens eyes; you believe

Enter life of purposeful worship

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Over time our passion and thankfulness can decrease—Revelation 2:4 (*Are We Losing Our "Oh!"?*)—A.W. Tozer

Believing is proof that he found you; worshiping is proof you believe; obeying proves you've been worshiping

IV. The Most Sobering Mystery—*The Blind
See; The Seeing Don't* (vv.39-41)

Two Kinds of People

Spiritual sight comes to those who confess they
can't see

Blindness is a condition of those who arrogantly
claim they can see just fine without Jesus—

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Two Kinds of Preference

Unwillingness or inability to grasp spiritual truth

Spiritual sight comes from believing in Him

The way is narrow

The way, the truth, the life –John 14:6

What have we learned about this blind man

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Was blind, but now I see