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SERMON OUTLINE

JESUS AS THE ONE WHO MAKES THE BLIND SEE

JOHN 9:1 - 41 | PASTOR SEAN FUERTE

When Jesus encountered a man born blind, His disciples asked about the cause of his blindness. Jesus told them that man was born blind not because of sin but so that God may be glorified in His blindness. So, Jesus spat on the ground, made mud, anointed the man's eyes, and instructed him to wash his eyes in the pool at Siloam. After following Jesus' instructions, the man who was blind since birth was able to gain his sight. In this section, we see the power of Jesus to heal the blind (vv. 1-7).

His neighbors wanted to know what happened to the man. The man replied that a man called Jesus made mud, anointed his eyes, and asked him to wash, and then he received his sight. The man was also sent to the Pharisees, who again asked him how he gained his sight. The

Pharisees noted that the one who made the miracle was not of God because the Sabbath was not observed. This event caused a division among the Pharisees - some believed, and others did not (vv. 8-17).

The Jews called in the man's parents to authenticate whether he was their son and if he was born blind. While they confirmed that he was their son, they could not confirm how he was now able to see. The man's parents also told the Jews to ask him since he was of age and able to speak on his own. John, the apostle, added that this happened because the parents feared they would be taken out of the synagogue (vv. 18-23).

The Pharisees called the man again to ask how he gained sight and who did this to him! The

man rebuked the Pharisees for their persistence in determining who caused him to receive his sight. He insisted that the man who gave him sight was of God. Once more, the Pharisees did not accept the man's testimony, and he was removed from the temple (vv. 24-34).

Jesus found the man and asked if he believed in the Son of Man. Jesus presented Himself to him, and the man believed and worshiped Jesus. The narrative ended as Jesus highlighted the guilt and blindness of the Pharisees instead (vv.35-41).

I pray that this message will encourage us to surrender our blindness to the Lord and allow Him to open our eyes to Him and His truths at all times.✱

THE MISSION IS STILL THE SAME

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Last month, we had an extraordinary opportunity to minister to the students of Coto High School in Masinloc, Zambales. This was through the Muntinlupa Laguna Cluster's Zambales Outreach Initiative 2.0. Building on last year's success, we were excited to go beyond sharing the gospel. We desired to build and strengthen meaningful connections with the students by offering a mini crossroad experience and providing essential gifts as they progress in their academic journey.

We conducted a recollection service for the grades 10 and 12 students. It was heartbreaking to listen to their stories. A lot of them shared their struggles with their broken families. We hope and pray that the seeds of faith planted in their hearts will grow and help them face life's challenges with confidence and trust in God.

We also engaged with a potential partner church that shares our mission and passion for making multiplying disciples. We pray that they will join us in embracing an intentional disciple-making church paradigm and also continue to partner with us to strengthen our efforts to spread God's word in the community.

We are grateful for our church's passion to win souls for Christ and humbled by the love and support from our GCF South Metro family. This trip reminded the team to trust God's wisdom and guidance, knowing His plans are always greater than ours and the Lord's timing is perfect. It also reminded us that God is our constant refuge and strength.

A highlight of the trip was reconnecting with Kuya Joel Elbo, our very first convert from last year's outreach. Seeing how he now shares our desire and vision to minister to the community was encouraging. He invited us to consider extending our ministry to another school where his contacts are teachers. Seeing Kuya Joel's transformation and passion for the lost filled us with gratitude and renewed purpose.

Our mission has shown us that there is a continuous need for discipleship and evangelism. The children, church leaders, and Kuya Joel all require ongoing support. Many people in the community have yet to hear the gospel. This truth fuels our determination to persevere.

Each step in this mission trip reminded us about the blessings of obedience. The winds of Zambales

whispered God's promises as we stood under the same sky, united in purpose. Our hearts, though burdened by the stories of brokenness we heard, were also filled with hope. We witnessed a divine tapestry being woven— into a masterpiece of lives touched by His grace.

The students' faces, marked by their struggles, now glimmer with the light of new possibilities. Their tears, once of pain, now water the seeds of faith the Lord planted, nurturing them with the promise of God's unending love.

We are mere vessels in His grand design, humbled by the opportunity to serve. Every prayer whispered, every hand extended in love, was a testament to His unyielding faithfulness. We learned that true strength lies not in our abilities but in surrendering to His will, trusting that He orchestrates every detail with divine precision.

Friends, a world is out there, thirsty for living water and yearning for the hope that only Christ can provide. We are called to be His hands and feet, to carry His message of salvation to the ends of the earth. The mission is still the same: to proclaim and live the truth in Jesus' name.✱

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