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An Ambassador who was Once Blind

John 9:6-34

6 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.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

13 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." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind.

"Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27 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."

34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

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Message notes:

We're all _____. You have a unique story.

"It was _____ that changed my life."

There's a price to pay for _____ your story.

A person who has _____ the reconciling love of God is never at the mercy of someone with an argument.

Coming to Jesus always involves _____ of the cross of being reconciled to God.

Everybody's story has a _____ and _____.

When you speak for Jesus and pay a price, Jesus wraps His arms _____ us and takes us deeper in our faith.

Your story is powerful because it points to _____ story.

Additional notes:

Steps to Becoming an Ambassador:

After today's video, take a moment to practice writing out your story on the following pages. Then, during this week, practice sharing your story with a family member or friend.

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Discussion Questions:

1. The message discussed the importance of having a “before Christ” and “after Christ” story. Can you identify a specific moment or period in your life that marks your “before” and “after” knowing Jesus? How has your life changed since then?
2. Pastor Jamie emphasized that everyone who knows Jesus has a unique story to tell. Take time to write out your story on the next page and have a few people share their story in under 60 seconds.
3. Pastor Jamie talked about the blind man’s parents and their fear of the religious leaders. Have you ever faced opposition or fear when sharing your faith? How did you handle it, and what did you learn from the experience?
4. The blind man boldly declares, “One thing I do know, I was blind, but now I see.” What is the “one thing” you know for sure about your faith that you can confidently share with others, regardless of their questions or doubts?
5. The message concludes with a prayer for encouragement to share our stories. What steps can you take this week to share your faith story with someone who needs to hear it? How can you prepare yourself to be an effective ambassador for Christ?

Ministry Time:

This story shows Jesus bringing healing into the life of the blind man. Does anyone have a physical need that we can pray for healing for tonight?

Pastor Jamie highlighted that telling your story can lead to growth in your faith. If you haven’t shared your faith story with others before, can we pray over you to have specific opportunities this week?

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Steps to writing your story:

1. Write a few words that describe your life Before Christ.
2. Write a few words that show how you felt when you said yes to Jesus as Lord.
3. Write a few words that describe the change you have seen in your life After Christ.
4. Put those thoughts into a few sentences that you can use to share your story with a friend or family member.

Before Christ I was:

When I said "yes" I felt:

After Christ I became:
