

Real Hope Podcast

Message Notes

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CAN YOU SEE HIM? – 3 - BELIEVING IS SEEING

- **You don't have to understand everything to believe in something.**

*As (Jesus) went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **John 9:1-2***

*3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. **John 9:3***

*...(Jesus) 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. **John 9:6b-7***

*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. **John 9:8-10***

*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." **John 9:13-16***

*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!" **John 9:24-25***

*35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. **John 9:35-38***

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Most of us occasionally (or often) struggle with doubts or answered questions. What is something that has challenged your faith or understanding of God?**
- 2) **Read Isaiah 55:8-9. We can't understand everything God does. Describe a time when you didn't understand what was happening later could see God's purpose?**
- 3) **A key thought for the message was, "You don't have to understand everything to believe in something. Though some things are unexplainable, other things are undeniable." What are some undeniable attributes of God you've experienced first hand?**