FROM DARKNESS TO SIGHT

Scripture Text: John 9:5–38

Introduction: Looking Past the "Why" (John 9:1–5)

- When facing suffering, Jesus shifts our focus from human _____ ("why?") to divine _____ ("how can God be glorified?").
- Jesus declares, "I am the _____ of the world" (John 9:5)—using physical healing as a living parable of spiritual salvation.

I. The Healing and Obedient Faith (John 9:6–7)

- Jesus makes mud, places it on the man's eyes, and commands him to wash in the _____ of _____.
- Healing required both _____ and active _____ to Jesus' exact word.
- There was no magic in the mud or water; all power belonged to Christ, yet the blessing came _____ the man obeyed (compare 2 Kings 5:10–14; Acts 2:38).

II. The Reaction of the Neighbors: First Steps of Testimony (John 9:8–12)

- The transformation was so dramatic that neighbors argued over his identity, while he insisted, "_____ am the _____."
- At this early stage, he only knows Jesus as "the _____ called Jesus" (v. 11)—showing we can share what Christ has done even before we know everything.

III. The Reaction of the Pharisees: Tradition Over Truth (John 9:13–17)

- Jesus healed on the _____, breaking man-made Pharisaic _____ rather than the Law of Moses.
- Spiritual blindness happens when human rules and pride matter more to us than God's _____.
- Under pressure, the healed man's faith grows, and he confesses that Jesus is a _____ (v. 17).

IV. The Interrogation of the Parents: The Cost of Fear (John 9:18–23)

- The parents confirm their son was born blind but refuse to explain how he sees because they _____ the Jewish leaders.
- Confessing Jesus as the Christ meant being cast out of the _____—total social, religious, and economic ruin (see Proverbs 29:25).

V. The Second Interrogation: Unshakeable Courage (John 9:24–34)

- Pressured to call Jesus a sinner, the man replies: "One thing I do know, that though I was _____, now I _____" (v. 25).
- He points out that God does not listen to sinners and that no one in history had ever opened the eyes of a man born blind—proving Jesus is _____ _____ (v. 33).
- Because he refuses to back down, the leaders insult him and _____ him _____ (v. 34).

VI. Jesus Returns: True Saving Faith (John 9:35–38)

- When the world rejects us for standing with Christ, Jesus _____ us out (v. 35).

- Biblical belief is not mere mental agreement; it is an active commitment to _____, follow, and obey.
- Seeing Jesus for the first time, the man confesses, "_____, I _____," and _____ Him (v. 38).

Conclusion: Four Questions for Reflection (John 9:39–41)

1. Will you admit your need for spiritual _____?
2. Will you trust Jesus enough to _____ His gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)?
3. Will you _____ Him boldly even when it costs you?
4. Will you respond to His grace with genuine _____?

SPEAKER / LEADER ANSWER KEY

Sermon Section	Fill-in-the-Blank Answers (In Order)
Introduction (vv. 1–5)	1. blame | 2. purpose | 3. light
Point I: Obedient Faith (vv. 6–7)	1. Pool of Siloam | 2. humility, obedience | 3. when
Point II: Neighbors (vv. 8–12)	1. I, man | 2. man
Point III: Pharisees (vv. 13–17)	1. Sabbath, traditions | 2. truth (or Word) | 3. prophet
Point IV: Parents (vv. 18–23)	1. feared | 2. synagogue
Point V: Courage (vv. 24–34)	1. blind, see | 2. from God | 3. cast, out
Point VI: Saving Faith (vv. 35–38)	1. seeks (or finds) | 2. trust | 3. Lord, believe, worshiped
Conclusion (vv. 39–41)	1. sight | 2. obey | 3. confess | 4. worship