

SERMON NOTES

September 19 & 20, 2026

Back to Basics: Tell the Story John 9:25

Challenge: _____.

When I Tell the Story...

- I grow in my _____ of Jesus.

John 9:11a

- I am _____.

John 9:15b

3 Types of Healing:

1. My _____ with Jesus.

- _____ τυφλός: opaque as if smoky; blind physically or mentally

2. My _____ towards others...

John 9:17b

- _____ τυφώω: envelope with smoke, figuratively; to inflate with self-conceit; high-minded.

3. My _____ to keep the main thing in focus.

- _____ (τύφω): to make a smoke

- I find my _____.

John 9:26-27

- I give _____ to others about their healing.

John 9:33

- I introduce others to the _____.

John 9:38

If you are ready to share your story, you can do so on the App!

Life Steps

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Monday

John 9:1-7

Reflect: The blind man is called only by his ailment. The disciples talked about him and his sin. Jesus goes to him and speaks. Have you ever felt invisible? Have you ever cared about what others think about you? How does Jesus' choice to go to him, speak to him, and heal him help you know He does the same for you in moments you feel invisible?

Prayer: God, help me know when I feel invisible, You see me and Your attention is better than any attention I seek. Thank you for sending Jesus to be with me, Amen.

Tuesday

John 9:8-12

Reflect: The blind man speaks his first story about Jesus. When did you first encounter Jesus?

Prayer: God, thank you for always moving me along a path. Sometimes I sit and wait, and sometimes it feels like a sprint. Help me tell the story of it all, Amen.

Wednesday

John 9: 13-17

Reflect: A miracle has happened. Someone far from Jesus encountered Jesus, and it changed the very nature of his life. All the Pharisees could focus on was the consequence of sin on the Sabbath. This isn't a Pharisee problem; it is a human problem. Are there any conversations in your life where you could extend more celebration for God's movement in someone's life instead of fixating on past sins?

Prayer: God, thank you for giving me knowledge. Keep me humble in knowing I am always in need of your guidance, especially when I think I know exactly what to say, Amen.

Thursday

John 9:18-23

Reflect: The blind man's parents are afraid of being kicked out of the synagogue. It held their tongue from speaking a miraculous story about Jesus healing their own son. What barriers keep you from telling others about Jesus with your words and life?

Prayer: God, I trust you are strategic and that you will place the right people in my life for me to hear their story and share my own. Amen.

Friday

John 9:24-29

Reflect: Can you imagine the courage it takes for someone who is not even given a name to stand up to educated and powerful people with confidence? However, he is pointing people to what Jesus did and what he won't give attention to. What stands out to you in verses 24-29?

Prayer: God, you did not give me a timid voice. Help me find it and use it to point people to you, not sin, and not myself. Amen.

Saturday

John 9:30-34

Reflect: This is the third time he tells the story of Jesus. Each time, he has progressed in his understanding of Jesus. Share how your relationship has grown with Jesus over time with us on the app under "His Story" or with a friend!

Prayer: God, give me the courage to begin placing my story on paper as an act of surrender and spiritual growth to you, Amen.

Sunday

John 9:35-38

Reflect: This is the first time the blind man has seen Jesus physically. He wasn't healed upon first contact in the beginning, he had to go to the pool of Siloam, and Jesus was not there. Have there been seasons where you didn't see Jesus working, but you knew something bigger than you led you through a difficult season?

Prayer: God, I thank you for sending Jesus to point me in the right direction even when I can't see the destination. Guide me today, lead me to still waters, and heal me. Amen.