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The Simple Story

John 9:1-25 ¹Now as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth, ²and His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God would be displayed in him. ⁴While it is daytime, we must do the works of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When Jesus had said this, He spat on the ground, made some mud, and applied it to the man’s eyes. ⁷Then He told him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came back seeing. ⁸At this, his neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging began to ask, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some claimed that he was, but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” But the man kept saying, “I am the one.” ¹⁰“How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. ¹¹He answered, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and anointed my eyes, and He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²“Where is He?” they asked. “I do not know,” he answered. ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened his eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. The man answered, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” ¹⁶Because of this, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man perform such signs?” And there was division among them. ¹⁷So once again they asked the man who had been blind, “What do you say about Him, since it was your eyes He opened?” “He is a prophet,” the man replied. ¹⁸The Jews still did not believe that the man had been blind and had received his sight until they summoned his parents ¹⁹and asked, “Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? So how is it that he can now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. ²¹But how he can now see or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already determined that anyone who confessed Jesus as the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. ²³That was why his parents said, “He is old enough. Ask him.” ²⁴So a second time they called for the man who had been blind and said, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether He is a sinner I do not know. There is one thing I do know: I was blind, but now I see!” (BSB)

This is an important point to start out with. As evangelical Christians, we believe that this story actually happened!

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. Jesus’s disciples asked a powerful **question** regarding a man who was born blind.
V. 1-2

B. Jesus had a simple but extremely relevant **answer**. V. 3-5

- C. Jesus put mud over the man's eyes and had him wash in the pool of Siloam and the man was healed. V.6-7
- D. This miracle caused the people to ask questions. V.8-10
- E. The man gave a simple testimony. V.11-12, 15
- F. The Pharisees were called in to investigate this case of breaking the Sabbath. V.13-16
- G. The man who was healed proclaimed that Jesus was a prophet. V.17
- H. The man's parents were called in to testify. V.18-23
- I. The man gave his simple testimony one more time. V.25

II. What can we learn from this story?

- A. Jesus never seemed to care about how the situation started. He just looked for opportunities to bring good out of it!
Romans 8:28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. (BSB)
- B. Jesus didn't need to use the mud mixture but He did. Medical assistance does not show a lack of faith. All medicine does is it helps the processes, that God created, to work more efficiently.
- C. God's work in our life will cause people to question "why". Don't miss this opportunity to give a simple answer.
- D. Expect opposition when you testify.
- E. We don't need to be Bible scholars or evangelists to share our story.