

Ministry Focus: March 2018

A Moment of Scripture Focus for Every Ministry in First Baptist Church



To Ministry Leader: Please read or have this scripture read at your monthly meeting /activity/rehearsal.

FOCUS SCRIPTURES FOR THIS MONTH: JOHN 9: 1-7

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, 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.” ⁶ After saying 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.

Commentary this Month: Usefulness

This scripture about Jesus healing the man born blind provides many messages, among them: that our struggles and our journey to overcome these struggles can serve to show the greatness of our Lord. These verses also show that God can use anything and anyone to do great things.

Jesus’ healing of this blind man could have happened with lightning, thunder, the sound of trumpets, or the clap of Jesus’ hands. But that is not what happened. Jesus simply spat on the ground, stuck his finger into the puddle, and stirred to make the mud pie to smear on the blind man’s eyes. Disgusting you might think, but think about it. Once again, in Jesus’ hands, the disgusting became divine; the mundane became majestic; the humdrum, holy. The same One who’d turn a stick into a scepter and a pebble into a missile, now turns saliva and mud into a balm for the blind*. Be encouraged: **if God can use sticks, rocks, and even spit to do his will, he can surely use us to do great things!**

How will God use you this month to do great and marvelous things?

Connected ideas and scriptures for further study:

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7; Isaiah 48: 10-11a.

Think of these Biblical figures and their flaws and how God used them.

Can you think of others not in this list?

Abraham -Was old.

Noah-Was a drunk

Rahab – Was a prostitute

Samson – Was a womanizer

Jonah – Ran from God

Peter – Denied Christ three times

Joseph – Was abused.

Gideon – Was afraid

Moses – Had a speech problem

Samaritan Woman – Was divorced

Martha – Worried about everything

Zacchaeus – Was small and money hungry

*adapted from Max Lucado text.