

Mid-Week Devotion



Read John 9:1-25 "...one thing I know, I was blind and now I see."

One day while Jesus was leaving the Temple, He passed by a blind man. After answering some poor questions from His disciples about why this man was born blind, Jesus heals him. Upon hearing that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the Pharisees questioned the man. How did you receive your sight, they asked. So the man told them of his experience with Jesus and how He had put mud on his eyes and after washing it off in the pool of Siloam, his sight was restored. However, many of the Jews did not believe and suspecting that the man was never born blind in the first place, they called his parents and questioned them. Is this your son who was born blind; how is it that now he can see? The man's parents answered, this is our son, and he was born blind, this we know. But how it is that he can now see, we do not know. Still not satisfied, the Pharisees questioned the man a second time.

Isn't interesting that when we encounter miracles in our life, our first response is to not believe. A miracle by definition is "an event that appears to be contrary to the laws of nature and is regarded as an act of God." So why is it that our first response to this act of God in our lives is unbelief? It is not that we don't believe in miracles, after all, the Bible is full of them, and all of us have been the recipient of at least one in our lifetime. Maybe it is because we are today, products of the enlightenment and believe that there is an explanation for everything. Maybe it is because miracles are out of our control, so they scare us. Perhaps, however I suspect that we chose not to believe because in believing, we confess that there is a God who loves us so much, that He is directly involved in our lives, and that perhaps is simply too much for us to take in.

"Give God the glory; we know this man called Jesus is a sinner," the Pharisees cried! To which the man answered, "Whether He is a sinner, this I do not know; one thing I do know, that I was blind and now I can see." In saying I don't know, this man was the only one in the room telling the truth, and consequently the only one truly able to see. The Jews and the Pharisees had been so hung up on wanting to know how it happened, that they were blinded to seeing the even greater miracle, which was that God, in Jesus Christ, was right there among them. The truth is that God loves you too much not to be directly involved in your life. Thank God that in His perfect love for us, the miracles He bestows are not predicated upon us believing in them. So when things beyond your understanding happen, don't be scared, just confess the truth that while you really don't know how they happened, nevertheless they did and then believe. And in believing, take a moment and close your eyes, that you might see His presence in your life.

Gracious Lord, open my eyes that I might see and believe in you, the greatest miracle of all.