



So We Would Know

John 9:24-41

Dealing with Spiritual Denial

John 9:8 His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Is this the same man — that beggar?"⁹ Some said he was, and others said, "No, but he surely looks like him!" And the beggar kept saying, "I am the same man!"¹⁰ They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?"¹¹ He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and smoothed it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash off the mud.' I went and washed, and now I can see!"¹² "Where is he now?" they asked. "I don't know," he replied.¹³ Then they took the man to the Pharisees.¹⁴ Now as it happened, Jesus had healed the man on a Sabbath.¹⁵ The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He smoothed the mud over my eyes, and when it was washed away, I could see!"¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for He is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.¹⁷ Then the Pharisees once again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "This man who opened your eyes — who do you say He is?" The man replied, "I think He must be a prophet."¹⁸ The Jewish leaders wouldn't believe he had been blind, so they called in his parents.¹⁹ They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he see?"²⁰ His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind,²¹ but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. He is old enough to speak for himself. Ask him."²² They said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue.²³ That's why they said, "He is old enough to speak for himself. Ask him."²⁴ So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "Give glory to God by telling the truth, because we know Jesus is a sinner."²⁵ "I don't know whether He is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" NLT

1. Don't waste your time debating your faith in Christ with people who don't want answers. They just want to _____.

John 9:26 "But what did he do?" they asked. "How did he heal you?"²⁷ "Look!" the man exclaimed. "I told you once. Didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become His disciples, too?"²⁸ Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses."²⁹ We know God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know anything about Him."³⁰ "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know anything about Him!"³¹ Well, God doesn't listen to sinners, but He is ready to hear those who worship Him and do His will.³² Never since the world began has anyone been able to open the eyes of someone born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he couldn't do it."

2. People don't want you to find something _____.

3. When I acknowledge my personal need for Christ, people around me become uncomfortable. They either have to show interest in my new life or _____ me altogether.

4. Challenge to your faith should serve as _____ to your faith. It should cause you to grow closer to Christ.

Philippians 1:20 For I live in eager expectation and hope that I will never do anything that causes me shame, but that I will always be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past, and that my life will always honor Christ, whether I live or I die.

5. Friendly fire comes in the form of waiting to catch you _____ your new faith.

34 "You were born in sin!" they answered. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out of the synagogue. NLT

6. Defending your faith during ridicule or persecution should serve to make your faith even stronger. Friendly fire can be a _____.