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## Your Pain, God's Purpose

John 9:1-41



1. Read John 9 and write down the numerous ways God was glorified (John 9:3) by the man being born blind and then healed by Jesus. What purpose did this “miracle” sign serve in the neighbors’ lives? The Pharisees’? The parents’? The blind man’s life? Yours?
  
2. In Pastor’s sermon, he listed a number of possibilities for the pain/suffering you might be experiencing. Study/meditate through this list and use it as a prayer guide this week.
  - Allows you to reveal Christ (John 9:3)
  - Compels you to rely on Christ (II Corinthians 1:8-9)
  - Transforms you to be like Christ (Romans 8:28-29, Hebrews 12:10)
  - Demonstrates you belong to Christ (Job 1,2)
  - Humbles you to receive Christ (John 9:38)
  - Draws you to worship Christ (John 9:38)
  - Creates opportunities for you to serve/share Christ (II Corinthians 1:3-6)
  
3. In John 9:4 Jesus says, “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.” What a privilege for the believer to be counted by Jesus in the “we” of this verse! Notice the urgency of the word “must!” Jesus must be about His Father’s business as He approaches the cross in roughly 6 months. Look up the following verses and write down what they mean for your life:
  - Ephesians 5:15-17
  - James 4:13-15

Connection Card Next Steps: II Corinthians 1:8-9

I desire to glorify God through my current circumstances and will seek to understand what God is doing in my life.

This week I will use my past life circumstances to minister to someone currently experiencing similar circumstances.