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**Sermon Title: Humility: I Have Blind Spots**

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**Scripture: John 9:1-11, 24-27, 35-38**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” **9** Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

“How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

*John 9:1-11, 24-27, 35-38 (NIV)*

### **Sermon Outline:**

In the story of the blind man and the Pharisees, Jesus encounters and heals a blind man. The Pharisees were the religious leaders at the time who thought they saw everything with clarity. They believed that the blind man did not have his sight because of some sin that he or his family had committed. Jesus rejected this idea and said that suffering did not happen because of sin but that God allowed suffering to happen so that He could prepare us for a revelation. The Pharisees became upset because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were the opposite of humility because they refused to see their blind spots and ended up living in a prison of blindness. They could not see God, even though He was right in front of their eyes. As the story goes on, the man born blind sees clearer and clearer, while the Pharisees become more and more blind.

John the Gospel writer wants us to see that we are often like the Pharisees because we are so fixed in our ways that we do not see how blind we are, and don’t want to admit we don’t see everything about ourselves. Admitting you have blind spots means that you don’t have the full picture on yourself, God, and the world around you. It can

be hard to receive correction because someone may not know how to deliver it properly, maybe in our homes we were often corrected, but most often we don't like to change and it reminds us of our inadequacies.

Humility allows us freedom from being perfect. A humble person does not have to live under the pressure of knowing it all or doing it all. Humility says that I have many blind spots. A humble person knows that they don't see everything about themselves and they ask God to help give them vision to see their blind spots.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Lead Pastor, Richard Villodas continues his series on humility, helping us see how we have blind spots and why change is a critical part of our walk with Christ.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In your family of origin, what blind spots did your parents/guardians have about your life as you grew up?
3. How have blind spots that others have about you affected you in life, work, school, as a parent or in relationships?
4. Jesus uses the blind man's situation to reveal God's greatness. Has there been a difficult situation in your life, that throughout or afterwards God showed his faithfulness to you?
5. What would it look like for you to ask a trusted person(s), what needs to be changed in your life?
6. If you are going through something difficult, can you see God moving in it? If so, how? If not, what blind spots may you have that are preventing you from seeing God? Anger, failure, pain, fear or something else?