



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: JOHN 9:1-11

TITLE: WHY AM I GOING THROUGH WHAT I AM GOING THROUGH?

INTRODUCTION

- A. One of the challenges of working with children is the three-letter question, “ ___ ___ ___?” _____
- B. For example... _____

IT IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK

- A. It is not based on your birth (ethnicity, gender, class, etc.) _____
- B. It is not a generational curse (**Ezekiel 18:1-36**, ² “*What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: “The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”?* ⁴ ... *The one who sins is the one who will die.* ³⁰ “*Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord.* (NIV)
1. What kind of sin can a parent commit that God would punish the child?
 2. Generational Conditioning
 3. Generational Consequences

IT IS MORE THAN YOU THINK

- A. He was born blind so that God's works would be revealed in him _____
- B. Example: Jesus would do it in a way that only Jesus could have done it, and received the glory _____
1. Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva
 2. Jesus anointed the blind man’s eyes with the clay
 3. Jesus told the blind man, “*Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.*”
- C. Outcome: So he went and washed, and came back seeing _____
1. Neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?”
 2. Some said, “He is the one,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”
 3. He said, “I am the man.”
 4. They asked him, “How were your eyes opened?”
 5. He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see.”
- D. Testimony: How are God’s works being revealed through you?