

1. Introduction

- a. Jesus & His disciples come into town of Bethsaida
- b. Someone brought a blind man to Jesus
 - Blind man's guide begged Jesus to touch blind man
- c. Jesus led blind man outside of town
- d. Bethsaida mentioned as town of small faith in Matthew 11:20
 - Jesus did few miracles here

2. Who Asked for Jesus' Help?

- a. Not the blind man
- b. His guide asked for the blind man
 - pray for other people
 - intercession is pleading with God for other people
- c. Jesus answered guide's request

3. Jesus Heals Blind Man

- a. Jesus spits on blind man's eyes
 - moisture in the eyes
- b. Jesus put His hands on blind man
- c. "See anything?"
- d. Blind man received partial vision
 - "men like trees walking around"
 - man could have lost his vision as an adult
 - * he knew what people & trees looked like
- e. Jesus put His hands on man's eyes again
 - now man could clearly see
 - man's vision fully restored
- f. Jesus healed man in stages
- g. Man trusted Jesus to touch him

4. Principle of Restoration

- a. Jesus restored man's vision
 - Jesus gave back vision to the man
 - Jesus returned man to his previous gift of vision
- b. Jesus instructs man to do 2 things
 - Do not go back into town
 - Do not tell anyone in town
 - Thought: any boasting would not accomplish anything
- c. Example of Job (Job chapter 42)
 - Job had terrible misfortune
 - * all his children died
 - * lost all his wealth
 - * even lost his health
 - in the end Job prayed for his 3 friends
 - * intercessory prayer
 - Job 42:10 And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends
- d. Even in the middle of all your troubles, reach out to pray & help others
- e. People can ~~also~~ ^{only} see on human level only
- f. God asks Christians to trust Him even in the middle of troubles
- g. And God continues to help Christian as we continue to pray for others