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**Study on
The Book of John
Part 10**

Summary: Jesus addresses a topic of extreme importance, yet rarely dealt with from the Father's perspective; sexual sin. The Pharisees bring only the woman caught in the act of adultery in an attempt to expose him. Jesus deals with sexual purity from the qualities of grace and truth. He treats the woman with Fatherly compassion, telling her that he doesn't condemn her. Then he gives her a Fatherly challenge to restrict the joyful expression of her sexuality to the covenant of marriage. Standing in the Court of the Women, where the enormous candelabras radiated light for miles in Jerusalem, Jesus announces that He is the light of the world. He is revealing God's love, safety and acceptance to all of mankind who have been orphaned by sin. He shows us that as sons and daughters (the spirituality of position), we are now free from the legalistic drives to earn God's love and the enslavement to our fleshly desires. We can now hear God's voice, be led by the Spirit of God and operate on Earth from His approval.

Introduction: John teaches us in his ninth book of the compassion of the Father expressed through Jesus. He wanted his disciples to learn from him, while He was on Earth, how to love on those in which we come in contact. He models for them and for us how we should seek to not only receive healing for ourselves, but to care enough to provide wholeness and belonging to all.

Memorization Scripture:

John 7:37-38 "On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. '"

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Opening Prayer:

Abba Father, I thank you for your great compassion for those who feel rejected and alone in the world. Give me the courage, as your son and daughter to follow Jesus' example to go looking for the lost and to show them your mercy. Fill me with your heavenly compassion so that I can be a channel of your love and a minister of your healing. Help me to partner with you in this endeavor, in Jesus' name. Amen.

John 9:1-39

1. **(Vs. 1-2)** Jesus sees a blind man.
 - a. The only time in John's Gospel that we come across a person whose physical affliction has been with him since birth.
 - b. Jews of Jesus' day had a firm belief in the connection between sin and sickness.
 - c. Sickness is ultimately caused by sin. Sin is ultimately a sickness.
 - d. Disciples look at him as a theological puzzle rather than a person in need.
 - i. Theological curiosity.
 - ii. Touching compassion.
 - e. How will we see a sick or disabled person? Will we be clinical or compassionate?
 2. **Reflect on your understanding of sickness as a sin and sin as a sickness.**
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- 3. (Vs. 3)** Jesus' response is absolutely fascinating.
- a. the source of divine wisdom, the human incarnation of the all-knowing God, and the fount of all knowledge.
 - b. He avoids the issue altogether. He doesn't offer any explanation, other than to say what it isn't.
 - c. His answer is all about the purpose of this sickness, not its origin.
 - d. He speaks only about the consequences not the causes.
 - e. The Father permits this man to be born blind because He is absolutely brilliant at turning situations around for His glory.
 - f. We should learn to know about the purpose rather than the causes—with knowing what may come out of sickness, rather than where it's from.
- 4. (Vs. 4-5)** This verse speaks to the sense of urgency Jesus feels about completing his Father's assignment.
- a. Jesus' 3-year ministry is in the daytime.
 - b. While it is daytime, and he is ministering in Israel, his light shines for those who get a chance to see or to hear him in the flesh.
 - c. When nighttime comes, the opportunities for him to minister miracles in his incarnate body will be over and he will return home to the Father.

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- d. We must live in this same urgency. In our daytime, we have the opportunity to shine and fulfill our mission on earth.
- 5. **(Vs. 6-7)** There are two distinct Christian mindsets.
 - a. One that defaults to mystery. They can't explain the difficulty or disease so they assume the suffering is a part of the Father's will and they accept it.
 - b. One that defaults to the miraculous. They use the difficulty as an opportunity for Abba Father to demonstrate His power.
 - c. Jesus demonstrates the second mindset. He mixes his spit (the DNA of Heaven) with the clay (the DNA of Earth) and creates new eyes for the man.
 - d. Do we contend for the miraculous enough?
- 6. **(Vs. 11)** Nothing is accidental in the Kingdom of God.
 - a. Siloam meant "sent". The blind man was "sent" to the pool called "sent" by a man who was "sent" by God.
 - b. Divine synchronicity at its finest.
 - c. Archeologists discovered this pool in 1880, with an inscription revealing its name.
- 7. **Can you write down a time in your life where the hand of God was recognizable in even the smallest of detail?**

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- 8. (Vs.16)** The Pharisees once again criticize Jesus for healing on the Sabbath as they did at the Pool of Bethesda.
- a.** They continue to remind us of the toxic power of religion.
 - i.** Defined by what they are against rather than what they are for.
 - ii.** Delight in witch-hunts.
 - iii.** Belligerent people who are always ready for a fight.
 - iv.** Manipulate others through fear and control.
 - v.** They are single-issue people.
 - b.** We are to be like Jesus (a son) and not the Pharisees (orphans/slaves) with open hands and compassionate hearts, not with fists and judgment.
- 9.** “A man with an encounter is never at the mercy of a man with a theology.”
-Bill Johnson
- a.** The Pharisee’s concern was theology; the blind man’s concern was healing.

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- b. The man giving his testimony in the presence of these intimidating Jewish leaders becomes the focus of this entire chapter. He is the hero.
- c. When we have an encounter with the Father, we must have the courage to share it, no matter how arrogant the listeners may be.
- d. The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

10. Explain in your own words why the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

- 11. (Vs. 34)** The Pharisees drive the blind man out with force.
- a. The word can be translated as “pluck out”, “expel”, or “eject”.
 - b. This man has now been ex-communicated from the Synagogue.
 - c. This man born blind has gained his sight, but lost his family- both his literal and spiritual family.
 - d. Encountering Jesus has cost him everything.
 - e. To those in the suffering church he is great comfort, but to those who live free from persecution, he is a great challenge.

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12. Take a moment and write a prayer down for those who belong to suffering churches, those who are paying a heavy price for confessing Jesus.

13. (Vs. 35) Jesus takes the initiative to FIND this man who has been abandoned by all. Why?

- a. Such a contrast between Jesus and the Pharisees.
- b. John 6:37 “All whom the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”
 - i. This is the same word used in vs. 34.
- c. One of the greatest needs we all have is the need to belong. This lost orphan now has a home in the Father’s arms and becomes one of Jesus’ disciples.

14. (Vs. 39) This is an extraordinary journey that this man has been on. The man who could see nothing before and now sees everything.

- a. In the start of the story, the man refers to him as “the man they call Jesus.”
- b. In the middle of the story, he refers to Jesus as “a prophet.”
- c. By the end, he is acknowledging him as “the Son of Man.”
- d. This is the metaphor for the journey of every soul.

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- 15. (Vs. 39)** In John 3:17 we read that God did not send Jesus to condemn the world but to save it. Is this a contradiction?
- a.** Jesus' first coming was salvation.

 - b.** People brought judgment and condemnation upon themselves by their reactions to Jesus.
 - i.** Some believed openly.

 - ii.** Some believed secretly for fear of Jewish leaders.

 - iii.** Some were confused and divided.

 - iv.** Some rejected and even opposed him.

 - c.** In rejecting Jesus, they rebelled against the Father's love.

 - d.** The blind ended up seeing and those who had sight ended up being blind.
 - i.** Those who were spiritually blind ended up seeing, because they admitted their blindness. This is the story of the man born blind.

 - ii.** Those who thought they saw spiritually ended up becoming spiritually blind. This is the story of the Pharisees.

 - e.** Spiritual pride is the greatest blockage to prophetic perception.