

Blessed be the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5), the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16). Welcome to today's teaching, where we delve into the Word of God our light in darkness (Psalm 119:105), our guide in uncertain times.

There are seasons in life when a single encounter with God may not be enough. Sometimes, we need a second touch not because God's power is lacking, but because He is working in stages to deepen our faith, refine our perspective, or prepare us to fully receive His healing.

Let's turn to Mark 8:22-26 (NIV):

22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw

everything clearly.

26 Jesus sent him home, saying, “Don’t even go into the village.”

A Two Stage Miracle: Why?

This is the only recorded miracle in the Gospels where Jesus heals someone in stages rather than instantly. Why did He do this? To illustrate the process of spiritual insight. This healing mirrors our spiritual growth. Often, when God opens our eyes, we don’t immediately see everything clearly. Our understanding like the blind man’s sight is partial at first (see 1 Corinthians 13:12). We need time, prayer, and continued divine touch to fully grasp spiritual truths. To teach patience and perseverance in faith. The man could have been discouraged after the first touch. He might have thought, “This didn’t work.” But instead, he remained with Jesus and allowed Him to touch him again. This is a model of how we should approach our own healing and spiritual journey with persistent faith (Luke 18:1-8).

“I See People... Like Trees Walking”

This phrase is both curious and symbolic. Trees are often used metaphorically in Scripture to represent people (see Psalm 1:3,

Mark 11:12-25). The man's blurry vision suggests partial discernment. He sees something, but not clearly.

This is often true in our walk with God. After our first encounter with Christ, we may have joy and revelation, but many areas of our lives still require deeper healing and clarity. Sanctification is a process (Philippians 1:6).

The Second Touch

After Jesus touches the man again, the text says:

"Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." (v. 25)

This second touch brought full healing and clarity. Spiritually, this demonstrates how Jesus not only saves us but continually works in us to bring wholeness (Hebrews 10:14). His work is both instantaneous (justification) and ongoing (sanctification).

It's crucial that we don't give up in the "in-between" stage the

stage where we've seen some change but not full transformation. This is when many people abandon faith, assume God hasn't answered, or turn to other sources for help. But Scripture calls us to *wait on the Lord* (Isaiah 40:31), *walk by faith and not by sight* (2 Corinthians 5:7), and *let perseverance finish its work* (James 1:4).

Our Role: Look Intently

Notice that after the second touch, the man "*looked intently*" (v. 25, NASB). The NIV translates this as "*his eyes were opened*." This implies focus, attention, and spiritual discipline.

As believers, we must learn to "look intently" into the Word of God (James 1:25), fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), and remain steadfast even when answers don't come immediately.

Final Application

Have you asked the Lord to heal, restore, or deliver you but feel like you've only received a partial breakthrough? Don't give up. Ask Him to touch you again. Not because He failed the first time, but because He is drawing you deeper.

Do not confess defeat. Do not let doubt take root. Like the blind man, stay close to Jesus and allow Him to continue His work in you.

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” - *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

May the Lord bless you.

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