Jesus, Our Hope
John 9:1-7

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Today's passage is the sixth sign of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John. It tells the story of Jesus healing a man who had been blind from birth, who survived by begging on the streets, and making him see. This is, in fact, the core of today's message: Jesus healed a man born blind because He is the Son of God, the Christ who came from God. He accomplished something that no one could do except God. Jesus is our hope. The answer to every problem lies in Jesus. In the passage, although the blind man could not see Jesus, Jesus saw him. Jesus touched him and spoke to him.

Through today's passage, we not only see that Jesus is the Son of God, but we are also given a clearer understanding of God through Jesus. It shows us how we can experience God in our lives. Especially in the face of suffering and challenges, how should we look to God, and how can we witness His work?

First, we must view suffering from God's perspective.

Through Jesus, we come to know more about who God is. While witnessing His amazing power is precious, understanding the heart of God is even more so. In verses 2 and 3, the original Greek uses a "hina" clause, which is a sentence structure that emphasizes cause and purpose. The disciples ask, "Who sinned that he was born blind?" They were trying to connect the man's current suffering with past mistakes or someone's sin.

However, Jesus also uses a "hina" clause, but with a completely different meaning. Jesus says that the purpose of this man's suffering is so that God's work might be displayed in him. People often interpret present pain and problems through past mistakes and sins, but God tells us to view present pain through the hope of the future.

In verse 1, we see that Jesus noticed the man. He didn't just physically see him but saw his pain and despair. Jesus approached him as light. He gave the man hope by saying that his suffering was not due to sin, but to reveal God's works. Jesus did not just speak hope but gave real light to his life, allowing him to see. Jesus is the God who empathizes, brings hope, and solves problems. Because of Jesus, hope arises even in despairing situations. We are encouraged to look forward to how God will work through the problems and to see God's providence and plan.

Second, we must experience God's work through patience and obedience in suffering.

Jesus used an unusual method to heal the man born blind. There were things this man had to do to experience God's power: he had to be patient, endure, and obey the words of Jesus.

Why should we endure and obey even when we don't understand, when it's difficult, and when it makes us feel miserable? It is because we truly trust Jesus and believe in His love. How many of God's miracles and works have we missed because we couldn't endure and be patient, because our pride was hurt? How many miracles and works of God have we missed because we failed to obey when faith required obedience? In the face of suffering and problems, I bless you in the name of the Lord to be patient and obedient.

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A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.'" (John 9:3)

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| Mark 15-16, Luke 1 | Luke 2-3 | Luke 4-6 | Luke 7-8 | Luke 9-10 | Luke 11-12 | Luke 13-14 |

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| Galatians 5:1-12 | Galatians 5:13-26 | Galatians 6:1-10 | Galatians 6:11-18 | Psalms 62:1-12 | Psalms 63:1-11 | Psalms 64:1-10 |

Sharīng Questī*o*ns

1. Please share any grace you have experienced in your life through last week's message (Jesus Working in the Storm-Prayer) or through the passages you meditated on this week.

2. Please share any new insights or blessings you received from today's message.

3. Share how you intend to look to and experience Jesus, our hope, in the face of your own sufferings and challenges, and let's pray together.