



**Seeing and Getting to The Dream
You Never Talked About
(Series Part 1)**

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Big Question: Do you still believe in miracles

Series Questions for The Month

1. How do you get to the dream you have never talked about?
2. Do you believe you can be resurrected?
3. How do you manage a scary moment?
4. Do you have desperate faith?

Text: John 9:1–12 (NIV)

1 As he went along, **he saw a man blind from birth.** 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, **“but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.**

4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they demanded. 11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.” 12 **“Where is this man?”** they asked him. **“I don’t know,” he said.**

Big Question: How do you get to the dream you never talked about?

Solution:

1. Work with the gifts you have until you get the gifts you want
2. Take advantage of your miraculous moment (Act now)

I. Four Facts About the Blind Man

1. He did not have the **gift** of sight (v2)
2. He nor his parents had **sinned** (v3)
3. He was healed with an **unorthodox** approach (v4-6)
4. He was not easily **believed** by all his peers (v8-12)

II. Four Assumptions the Blind Man Story Reveals

1. The assumption that **everyone** has the same gifts (v2)
2. The assumption that a serious condition always is **sin** related (v3)
3. The assumption that God's healing method is always **predictable** (v4-6)
4. The assumption that getting people to **believe** is easy (v8-12)

Conclusion:

III. Four Closing Questions

1. Who would support you as a blind man and carry you to your daily dream?
2. Who could you live with if you were blind and needed financial, and logistical help?
3. Who can rely on you in case their story becomes the blind man's story?
4. Who is close enough to you to know the dream you never talked about?

Next Time: Do You Believe You Can Be Resurrected?

Side Question: What or who has died in your life?

Read Ahead: John 11:1-16 (NIV)

**Why Does Freedom Feel Strange to Me?
Devotional Thought I Cannot Ignore**

Answer: I have been bound all my life?

Statements That Started This Line of Thought

- Freedom Feels Funny When You Have Been Bound All of Your Life
- Bondage Feels Normal When You Have Been Bound All of Your Life

Text: Acts 12:11–17 (NIV):

11 Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter’s voice, **she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed,** “Peter is at the door!”

15 “You’re out of your mind,” they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.”

16 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

17 Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison.

Personal Illustration: My First Fifteen Years on a Bus

Life On the Bus Season

- It felt strange to ride in a car
- We saw them as car people
- We rarely asked a car person to transport us
- We focused on the advantages bus people have
 - No gas to buy, no repairs to do
 - You never have to ride alone
 - You have a personal driver to navigate the traffic
 - We had more route options
 - We could take as many people with us as possible

Life In the Car

- You control the schedule
- You never have to wait
- You have control of who you sit by
- You never have to worry about missing the last bus
- You can go places the bus routes don’t go



- It's better for dates

Life In Bondage

- You have no control of your life, you don't have choices, you are held against your will

Life In Freedom

- You don't owe anyone, your money is your money
- You choose what you do, where you go, and when you go
- You are not vulnerable to the moods of others, you control your destiny