

# THE BIGGER PICTURE

John 9:1-7

# Four Thoughts...

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# Man centered viewpoint:

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# God centered viewpoint

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# Blind from birth

*(John 9:1 NIV) As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.*

# God is the creator

*(Exo 4:11 NIV) The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"*

# Such a time as this

*(Est 4:14 NIV) For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"*



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# Created in God's image

*(Gen 1:26 NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

# Who sinned?

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*"There is but one practical and feasible program in handling the great problem of the feeble-minded. That is, as the best authorities are agreed, to prevent the birth of those who would transmit imbecility to their descendants."*

Margaret Sanger,  
Founder Planned Parenthood

*"Frankly, I had thought that at the time Roe [v. Wade] was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of."*

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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- 4.) *God has a special purpose in mind for us*

# Work of God displayed

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# The foolish things

*(1 Cor 1:27 NIV) But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*



# Created to do good works

*(Eph 2:10 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

# The light of the world...

*(John 9:4-5 NIV) As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

# You are the light of the world

*(Mat 5:14 NIV) "You are the light of the world.  
A city on a hill cannot be hidden.*

# Greater works

(John 14:12 KJV) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

# Conclusion