

Glorify God

It is all about God's glory

(1 Cor 10:31 NIV) So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Why is this story recorded?

(John 20:30-31 NIV) Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 9:1-41

Point 1

If we are concerned with God's glory
we should make sure we know Him

Jesus said:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10 NIV)

Jesus predicted:

They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

(John 16:2 NIV)

Jesus explained:

“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.” (John 9:4 NIV)

Also:

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19 NIV)

Point 2

Can we glorify God in spite of our circumstances ?

What's your perspective?

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. (John 9:1-3 NIV)

Jesus rocks their world

- *Jesus tells them this happened for God's glory.*
- *Jesus stops to heal the blind man*
- *To heal the blind man, Jesus makes mud with spit and puts it on the man's eyes.*

Point 3

Are we more concerned with God's
glory or our selves .

Consider David

David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Sam 17:26 NIV)

Consider the children of Israel

“The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.” (Exo 14:18 NIV)

Consider Gideon

The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her" (Judg 7:2 NIV)

Consider ourselves

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.

(1 Cor 1:27 NIV)

Stand for what is true

(John 9:25 NIV) He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Jesus said

“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9:5 NIV)

Jesus also said

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
(Mat 5:14-16 NIV)*

Point 4

God's glory extends to our whole
being.

There is a person to receive

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. (John 9:35-38 NIV)

Don't be blind

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. (John 9:39-41 NIV)

Our goal... reach Alliance for Christ

(1 Tim 1:15 NIV) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

Conclusion