

Mindset Change

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Mindset Correction

Mindset - a habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations

- This is developed by what you have been taught, experiences of life and what you desire
- Your mindset produces an attitude in you which is seen outwardly

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- Attitude is the librarian of our past, the speaker of our present, and the prophet of our future
- Bad attitudes won't change your past, but they will mess up your future.

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- Your mindset governs your relationship with God and your Christian walk
- How you see yourself, scriptures, promises, this life are all governed by your mindset/attitude toward God and His Word

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The purpose of the Bible and Jesus' ministry is to change your mindset as it relates to God, yourself and this life

- To focus our mindset not on the here and now, but on the eternal life waiting to come
- We forget we are living this life while building our next life which is eternal

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Matthew 6:19-20 NLT 19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

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As we look at our scriptures this morning we need to set the current mindset then on sin and sickness

John 9:1-2 NLT 1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

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What was their mindset on this man's suffering?

- Someone sinned, and this is the result, God is punishing someone through him

What was the truth of his suffering?

- **John 9:3** "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him."

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Jesus is attempting to change their mindset- not sin but purpose, so the glory of God could be seen

- You might be tempted to say, “That doesn’t seem fair, right, just”, Why would a loving God do this to him?
- All good questions if your mindset is on the here and now

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If your mindset is on the eternal, you will see God's hand and work in everyone of your circumstances, knowing it is producing riches to be enjoyed eternally

- Jesus' purpose is to bring light to the blind
- In our scriptures this morning we see Jesus attempting to change mindsets about who he is and the Kingdom of God

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- Mark 2:1-12

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Last week we looked at three key words to help us understand this event

- Sin – brokenness of fellowship with God
 - It can be complete or partial
- Forgiveness – the blotting out, carrying away of our sin debt
- Authority – the ability of the one giving the forgiveness to actually accomplish it

Jesus is showing the effects of unrepentant sin – brokenness

- All the healing has stopped at this point and Jesus is teaching them
 - Understand, this is far more important than the actual physical healing because his words brings eternal life
 - We chase after the physical healing with little thought to the purpose of it in our lives

Jesus is showing the effects of unrepentant sin – brokenness

As the crowd watched this man being lower, What is the mindset?

- This man is an unforgiven sinner, excluded
 - He could not go to the temple and offer an acceptable sacrifice
 - He couldn't do anything about his sin debt

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This is exactly what unrepentant sin does in our lives

- It separates us from the blessings of God, it robs today's joy and peace and hinders the storing of treasures in heaven
- Please remember, God defines what sin is not mankind

Jesus is showing the real need of this man was forgiveness, not physical healing

- People would see the healings of people as evidence that God had made them capable of having their sins forgiven
- After their physical healing they would be able to go to the temple and offer acceptable sacrifices for sin

Jesus is showing the real need of this man was forgiveness, not healing

It was never about the sacrifice taking away sins, but faith that God would forgive them if they approached Him through that sacrifices as He mandated

- The sacrifices were pointing to the Messiah and what He would do
- So it was to be faith in God and not faith in the sacrifice

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As the man was being lowered what did Jesus see?

- Their faith
- **vs. 5 NIV** When Jesus saw their faith

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We approach God today through faith in Jesus and his sacrifice for our sins

- Jesus always responds to those who come to him in faith
- Not faith in a certain result, but faith you will be accepted, strengthened, empowered and yes, sometimes healed

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Always remember our events are for the glory of God and that is not always shone the brightest through our desire

- They were expecting a healing and Jesus gave him something vastly more important – forgiveness

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Hear Jesus say, “You are now in a right relationship with God the Father.”

- Hear the man say, “But I’m still broken.”
- Hear Jesus say, “That has nothing to do with your relationship now nor how you got that way.”

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What does this tell you today?

- If your sins have been forgiven today and you are living repentant faith today, then you are in a right relationship with God regardless of your physical events of life
- We get to live forgiven on earth and not have to wait to be declared forgiven in eternity

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- It's not about fairness of the events as mankind sees it

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Jesus is changing a mindset on how we look at this life and how we live through it

- It's about being able to live in forgiveness today
- It's bringing glory to God today
- It's storing up treasures for eternity today

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Here is the question on everyone's mind in that room

- Can Jesus really do this?
- Can I really be forgiven and still be in a broken body?
- Does God really love me and forgive me even if he does not heal me?

Jesus is showing the world He has authority to completely and totally forgive all sins in the here and now

vs. 6-7 NIV 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

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This is the question they should have been asking and they reach the correct conclusion – only God can forgive sin

- That is the correct mindset except they should be farther along in their understanding of who Jesus is from scripture and miracles

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vs. 8b NIV Why are you thinking these things (or thinking like this)?

- Answer -This is not what we have been taught – no place in their teaching for a Suffering Servant King, even though the scriptures tell of it

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vs. 8b NIV Why are you thinking these things (or thinking like this)?

- God could give a prophet or priest the ability to heal
- God would never give a man the ability to forgive because only God can forgive sin against him

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vs. 10-12a NIV 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

Jesus is showing the world He has authority to completely and totally forgive all sins in the here and now

- Jesus has authority over all sickness, brokenness, blindness, all the effects of sin
- But he also has all authority to forgive our sin debt
- He is attempting to change their mindset about God's Word and God's Messiah

Summary

- Jesus doesn't just treat symptoms alone, but the fundamental causes
- Jesus saw their faith, not their status, wealth, power nor need
- When was the last time Jesus saw your faith?

Summary

This healed man then went home

- Not to the mountain top to proclaim his healing and attempt to stay there
- He was still poor, under Roman rule, rejected by the religious leaders but he was full of knowledge of the glory of God
- He lived out his knowledge by allowing God's glory to shine out in all of his dark places

Summary

This is still how we are to live today

- Living out your knowledge of the glory of God in every dark place he takes you
- **Matthew 5:16 NIV** Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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