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### ○ John 9:34

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?"  
So they put him out.

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- the blind man is thrown out; its permanent and comprehensive
- it costs him everything- its radical!
- Radical Together
- we fail with so much less pressure
- where/with whom do you need to stand like this man (incl. the cost)?

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### ○ John 9:35-38

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Jesus Affirms His Deity

35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "Who is He, [a]Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." 38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

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- the man responds with belief/faith
- began with Christ's actions; salvation demands a response
- they are complementary

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- salvation is based on belief in Jesus as God's Savior
- for some its a kind of awakening
- but its all centered on Christ as God's Savior
- different stories leading to a confession of Christ

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### ○ John 9:39

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39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

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- Jesus is saying that his primary purpose wasn't to judge but to save
- as he saves, judgement occurs
- what is this judgement?



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- its a judgement we bring on ourselves
- by rejecting Christ, they are blind
- the one who does this has his blindness confirmed
- he chooses blindness and God gives him over to blindness
- the blind one is the one who thinks he's OK independent of Christ

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○ Luke 5:32

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32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

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- It's not the darkness that keeps us blind; it's our supposed light
- God let us see Christ and all of his beauty!
- do I see the blindness around me?
- needy religious family

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### ○ John 9:40-41

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40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

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- "are we blind or guilty"
- "you're blind because you think you see and you are therefore guilty in sin"
- that's Christ's commentary on all who don't see him



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- frightening- "your sin remains"
- let go of your pitiful light!
- we give to the poor and they accept it with open arms
- you'll just buy your own and patch up what you have
- you must come to Christ in your poverty, worn out clothes and blindness

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- we are forced to respond; what do we do with Jesus?
- the whole point of John is Jesus!



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- I was blind
- -let me see and worship Christ
- -let me live radically for you
- -let me see the blindness of others

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- I have blind people who need to see Christ
- give them sight

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- I'm blind
- let me see you!
- save me and I'll worship you!

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○ Isaiah 45:22

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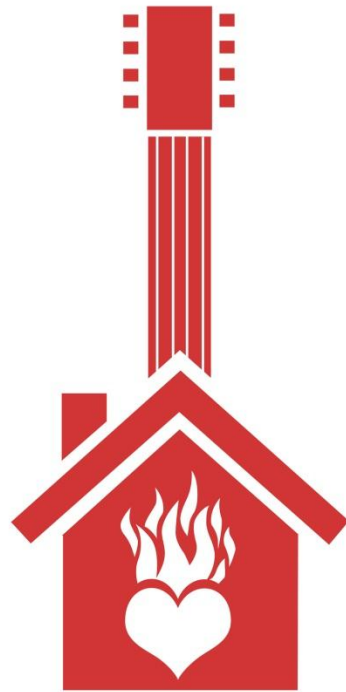
22 “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

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**SEPTEMBER 18TH AND SEPTEMBER 25TH  
9:00-10:00AM**

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CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY RSVP**



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FIRES**



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\*Greatwood Community  
Center

\*Sign-up TODAY

\*Contact: Tricia Zody

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