



How to Keep Your Focus When Things are Falling Apart

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As Jesus walked along, He saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works 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." After He said this, He spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means "sent"). So, the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see. John 9:1-12 CEB

How can I keep my focus when things are falling apart?

- Focus on _____ and what He is _____.

As Jesus walked along, He saw a man who was blind from birth...This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him.

- John 9:1,3

Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? - Isaiah 43:19 HCSB

- Focus on _____ rather than _____.

Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?

- John 9:2

For the grace of God has appeared, with salvation for all people.

- Titus 2:11 HCSB

- Focus on _____ rather than the _____.

His neighbors and those who formerly had seen him as a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who sat begging?" Some said, "He's the one."

"No," others were saying, "but he looks like him." - John 9:8-9 HCSB

Search for the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonderful works He has done..." - Psalm 105:4-5 HCSB

- Focus on your _____ which is being _____.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, He found him and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "I believe, Lord," he said, and he worshipped Him. - John 9:35,38 HCSB

Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing. - James 1:2-4 HCSB

Memory Verse

One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see. - John 9:25

Next Steps:

- When facing life's challenges, I will focus on the infinite God rather than the drama of the moment.
- I will register today for a Connection Group so that my faith in God is strengthened to face the next tests.
- I will attend Celebrate Recovery this Friday night to begin finding freedom from my hurts, habits and hang-ups.