



## Once I was Blind

You know, I think one of the hardest things for us to grasp is that God loves us. He really loves us. We are usually all aware of our own faults and short comings. The devil is always there to make sure we do.

Perhaps it is the one who is sure they are always “justified” in their actions and worthy of honor laid upon them who are farthest from redemption. Redemption? They don’t need it. Rescue? They are able. And yet what does our God say? “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Cor 12:9

We have to come to the end of “I can” and know that “He can”. He can and He will. But only if we are looking to Him; resting in Him; trusting in Him. Sometimes it is hard for one to admit they are not enough. None of us are. It took the word of God Himself to enter into these fleshly bonds and emerge triumph. It is only in and through Him that we are “enough”. We all remain in darkness until we realize that.

There was a movie many years ago. I think it was called “The Miracle Worker”. it starred a young Patty Duke and was about the awakening of Helen Keller. Although born with all her faculties, a disease took much of them at age two. At six years of age her parents decided to get her a teacher. She had by then become an unruly child, using grunts and tantrums to make her wants known.

She had no conception of a world beyond her immediate needs. (That’s how most of us are without God.) Gradually and persistently her teacher tried to make her understand that certain hand movements had different meanings. There was a complete lack of awareness that another entire realm exists beyond the immediate. One had no eyes to see it; no ears to hear of it.

Although I am sure it was dramatized in the movie, her awakening had to be just as much so. They showed her feeling water flowing from an old hand pump. Suddenly she became aware that these hand movements meant water. The previous moves that were ignored before, now were sought in earnest for remembrance and storage within her. The opening of her understanding equaled the opening of her eyes and ears.

I see this as we all are; before God and after God. Before our awakening and after it. While we were blind, we now see. While we were deaf, we now hear. There is another realm. A realm we were created from and have lost connection with. While her senses were dulled, our senses have become our primary means of functioning. If it cannot be seen, touch or felt, it is real to us.

How appropriate it was that the flow of water was her awakening. It is when that flow is released in us that true knowledge brings awakening. "One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." John 9:25 In the seeing, we are also made to hear. It is then the learning begins.

The movie showed her thirst and eagerness to begin learning and exploring all the things previously hidden because of her lack of understanding. That's where we need to be with our God. Not just a simple acceptance that there is more out there. There must be a hunger and desire to know it. God wants us to know. "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jer 33:3 He will answer. And worthiness the blood of Jesus makes us worthy.

He says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me". Hos 4:6 is our refusal to seek knowledge the same as rejecting it?

This is not a religion we are in that names us christians. It's not just believing the truth of the gospel. It is having a relationship with the Author of it. If we don't have that relationship, it is just form and ceremony. It is just truth without spirit. God says we need them both. I believe it is those who will hear this from the Lord. "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" Matt 7:23

You can't legislate law. Rebellion and lawlessness is inherent in our nature. It is only love that can conquer that nature. Love has no law but itself. "For love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." John 4:7-8