

# “THIS ONE THING I KNOW”

John 9:13-34

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## INTRODUCTION

*It is not always easy to take a stand for the Lord.* He has done great things for us, and He deserves our devotion, worship, praise, and confession. However, there are many who do not share our enthusiasm for Jesus. Many are confused as to who He is and where He is from. Many do not believe that He is even a good man; some say He is a good man, but can He really do miracles? Others note that He did mighty works, but is He really from God; is He really deity?

There are times when speaking out for Jesus may result in problems for us—at work, at school, with our friends, with our family members. The question is, **“Will we be willing to tell the truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ—regardless of the results?”**

These results may put you at odds with your family members, your neighbors, your religious leaders, your friends, and your fellow workers and employers. For many Christians, taking a stand for Christ means the loss of work, home, possessions, place of worship, and even **life!**

This blind man is a good study in the development of faith and courage to stand for Christ. True, in this section he does not come all the way to saving faith, but he comes very close! The Lord was working with him, just as he works with those in our day in whom the beginnings of faith may be found. *He will pursue them and will bring them to a full saving faith in Himself.*

Notice, that when others cast us out, the Lord will receive us!

Let us look at the formerly blind man and the stand that he took for the Lord Jesus, and like him, let us:

## STAND UP FOR JESUS!

### I. THE BEGINNINGS OF FAITH (The first interview of the formerly “blind man”) (13-17)

- A. The Interrogation (15, 17)
  - 1. How did you receive your sight? (15)
  - 2. “What do you say about Him?” (17)
- B. The Indecision of the Pharisees (16)
  - 1. Can’t be from God—a Sabbath breaker (majority view)
  - 2. How can a sinner do such signs? (16b)
- C. The Proclamation (17)
  - “He is a prophet.”

### II. THE INTIMIDATION OF FEAR (18-23) (Interview with the parents)

- A. The Disbelief in the Miracle (18)
- B. The Direct Questions (19)
  - 1. “Is this your son whom you say was born blind?”
  - 2. “Then how does he now see?”

- C. The Deliberate Denial of Involvement (20-21)
  - 1. “He is our son and was born blind.”
  - 2. *We* don’t know how his sight was restored or *who* restored it.
  - 3. “He is of age; ask *him*; *he* will speak for himself.”
- D. The Dreadful Consequences for Confession of Christ (22-23)
  - 1. Previous agreement of Jesus’ adversaries
  - 2. Excommunication from the Synagogue
  - 3. Fear of the parents
  - 4. Betrayal of the parents—forcing their son to stand alone (23)

### III. THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAITH (Second Interview of the “blind man”) (24-34)

- A. “Give glory to God”—tell the truth (cf. Josh. 7:19—Achan).
- B. “One thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” (25)
- C. “What did He do to you? How did he open your eyes?” (26)
- D. “You did not listen before when I told you; why should I tell you again? You don’t also want to become his disciples, do you?”
- E. “*YOU* are *that man*’s disciple; but *WE* are Moses’ disciples.” (28)
  - 1. “*WE KNOW* that God has spoken to Moses—with lasting results.”
  - 2. “We don’t know where *this man* is from—from whence is his authority, and who sent him. (29)
- F. “Now, this is an **amazing thing!**” “You, who claim to know so much, admit that you do not know where this man is from—and yet he is a significant religious leader, and He did an astounding miracle by opening my eyes. (30)
- G. “We know that God does not hear sinners. He does hear those **who are God-fearers** and who **do His will.**” (31)
- H. “No one has ever done such an amazing miracle as this—that a man born blind has had his eyes opened—not since the beginning of time!” (32)
- I. It is obvious that He is **from God—or He could do nothing.** (33)

### V. THE TRIAL OF FAITH (34)

- A. They accuse him of suffering blindness due to his being born “wholly in sins.”
- B. They reject his right to be a teacher of them.
- C. They “**CAST HIM OUT**”.

### CONCLUSION

This man is paying a dear price for his “developing faith” in Jesus Christ—and he is not yet a true “Christian.”

**Let us stop being cowards! Do not be intimidated by the world; do not back off when it is time to speak up for Christ. Be willing to take whatever consequences may come for the cause of Jesus Christ!**

In other words: **STAND UP FOR JESUS!**

You may lose all—but it is worth it if you are accepted by Him!

*“What shall it profit if you gain the whole world, and lose your own soul?”*