

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Friday, March 17th:

“As (Jesus) walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.” (John 9:1)

This man born blind during Jesus' day didn't have access to all the help of training and teaching a blind person a craft or any job, no braille system to learn. All he could do was sit and beg. Every day, his parents would lead him to the gate of the Temple, plop down his pillow and a basket, give him some water and some bread and return home. The man had never been inside the Temple, for blind people were not allowed in the Temple. Through the years many people saw the man and recognized him as the blind beggar. Some may have dropped in a few coins and some might have just walked by, considering a man born blind must be a great sinner. But Jesus comes walking out of the Temple and Jesus sees the blind man. Jesus knows the man, knows his heart, knows his parents. When the disciples ask, “Who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.” Jesus sees you. Jesus knows you. Jesus doesn't walk by you. Jesus didn't ask Peter to throw a coin in the man's basket. Jesus saw the man's need for hope, for newness of life. Jesus sees your need for hope and newness of life. Jesus revealed God's work through the Son of God, suffering and dying on a cross and raised from the dead, that you might be the revelation of God's work. You are a forgiven loved Child of God, a sign of God's love.