



SV LIFE RECOVERY MEETING
AWAKENED AGAIN
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• **John 9:1-25** **ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK THE PROGRAM THIS TIME?**

¹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. ¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.” ¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided. ¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. ¹⁹ “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?” ²⁰ “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

WHAT DOES YOUR SENT LOOK LIKE?

AA - HOW IT WORKS - RARELY HAVE we seen a person fail who has **thoroughly** followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not **completely** give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being **honest with themselves**. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally **incapable of grasping and developing a manner of living** which **demand rigorous honesty**. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the **capacity to be honest**.

• **Joshua 1:8** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE THE 12 STEPS AND LITERATURE?**

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- **Jeremiah 3:15** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE HAVING A SPONSOR/MENTOR?**

¹⁵Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

- **Proverbs 9:9** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE BEING INSTRUCTED?**

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

- **Hebrews 12:11** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE BEING CORRECTED?**

¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

- **Proverbs 27:17** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS?**

¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens [and influences] another [through discussion].

- **James 5:16** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS & PLANS?**

¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- **1 Thess 5:17-18** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE PRAYER & GRATITUDE?**

¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- **Matthew 23:11** **DOES YOUR SENT INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS?**

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** **DO YOU TRUST THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY?**

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

IN CLOSING

- **Romans 12:1-2** **ARE YOU WILLING TO GO "ALL IN" TONIGHT?**

¹⁻²So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.