

**A Radical Savior: A Radical Faith**  
**Radically Following Jesus: A Path of Difficulty**  
**John 9:1-41 (page 747)**

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Following Jesus often leads us into rather than away from difficulty (John 9:1-7)

The more we understand the nature of our relationship with Jesus Christ and the more we share it, the more opposition we will encounter (John 9:8-34)

- From friends and neighbors: Something is different “*the man they call Jesus made some mud..*” (vs 8-12)
- From the skeptics: this couldn't be true “*and now I see...*” (vs 13-15)
- From religious people: this can't be from God “*He is a prophet*” (vs 16-17)
- From those closest to me: we have nothing to do with him “*I was blind, but now I see*” (vs 18-25)
- From those who refuse to believe: how dare you lecture us! - “*if he were not from God, he could do nothing*” (vs 26-34)

The more we tell the story of what Jesus is doing in our lives, the more we will grow to worship Him. (John 9:35-38)

As we follow Jesus, He uses His work in our lives to confront others with the judgment they are under (John 9:39-41)

**To Think On...**

How did the healed man respond to the constant opposition and pressure from others of his identification with Jesus? How do you respond? Or do others not know you follow Him? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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What had this man lost by telling others about Jesus? What did he gain? How do you feel about that? What have you lost? What have you gained? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think you are spiritually “blind” or not? If you “see”, how do you act because of what you do see? \_\_\_\_\_

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Re-read John 9:4-5...how does what Jesus says here about His purpose and identity have to do with us as His followers? Be specific.

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