

**“SURELY
WE’RE NOT
BLIND,
ARE WE?”**

**Lent is a season for
acknowledging our
spiritual blindness and
crying to God to help
us see what is in our
blind spot.**

**‘THE ABILITY TO FIND
GOD IN ALL THINGS’...
...IS THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT
HEALING JOURNEY
ANY OF US WILL EVER
TAKE,”**

**ST. IGNATIUS OF
LOYOLA.**

**John 9 is a startling account
of religious people unable to
recognize the work of God in
their midst.**

**We see the skepticism of the
Pharisees in full display. An
astounding miracle right
before their very eyes and
yet they just could not see
the powerful hand of God
working.**

WHY?



**LIVING AS
CHILDREN
OF LIGHT!**

For you were **once darkness**, but now you are **light in the Lord**. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the **fruitless deeds of darkness**, but rather **expose them**. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:8-14

HOW TO KNOW WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT?

1. When we intentionally turn away from all deeds of darkness.

2. When we allow the LIGHT of Christ to expose everything needs to be exposed.

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**Spiritual
ALERTNESS is
vital to ensure we
stay away from
darkness and walk
in the LIGHT!**

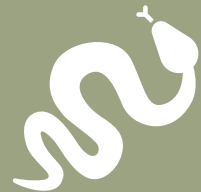
**HOW
COULD
THEY BE SO
BLIND?**



These very religious people were tragically unable to recognize a **MIRACLE** of God right in their midst. A man born blind able to see again!



How could they be so **BLIND???**



Their main **OBSTACLE** – Fear!

WHAT “FEAR?”

**Fear of being ostracized
by the establishment.**

Getting caught up in preserving the system gave them a convenient way to avoid dealing with who Jesus was, the miracle he had performed, and the fresh wind of the Spirit of God that was moving among them.



THE MAIN POINT OF THE WHOLE STORY

Only those who ADMIT their
BLINDNESS will be HEALED!
Those who are CONVINCED
that **they** SEE and stubbornly
refuse to admit their need for
HEALING will not be able to
SEE anything NEW nor will
they progress on their spiritual
journey.

**SURELY
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**The Pharisees were
blind to the end.
They could not face
the possibility that
in all their religiosity
they were missing
something.**

What about you?