

SCCC – OPEN MY EYES LORD

S – Scriptures

“He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.” Mark 8: 24

C – Consideration

Jesus arrived at Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man, begging the Lord to touch him. The narrative says that Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Jesus had healed dozens of blind people before and would heal others later. And, it wasn't always done in the same way. Bartimaeus was healed instantly without any contact. Another man got healed with a mixture of Jesus's saliva and dust from the ground. Mud was made, and applied to man's eyes. He was sent to wash at Siloam' Pool and just after, received his sight. But, in this miracle, Jesus took the man by his hand, outside the city, applied His saliva in the man's eyes, and asked, “Do you see anything?” Surprisingly, the blind man answered how he saw the people around him, he thought they were like trees. Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then they were opened, his vision restored, and he saw everything clearly.

C – Commitment

Wouldn't Jesus be able to heal this man in one moment, or in just one phase? The answer is yes, Jesus could. I think that Jesus was building up the blind man's faith. While holding his hand and walking along, probably Jesus spoke to him, loved him, asked him about his struggles (similar to the two disciples on the Emmaus Road, who were unable to see Jesus until their spiritual vision was restored). Arriving at the place, Jesus healed the blind man. However, this event can show me other spiritual lessons about my journey with the Lord. I was spiritually blind, until someone brought me to Jesus. I gave Him my hand, and I trusted Him to remove my blindness. Scriptures say, “The god (Satan) of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” Sanctification is a process done in stages. Jesus's words bring light to my blinded soul daily, removing the many specks from my diseased eyes. I must have my sight restored to see as Christ sees. He looked to the people and had compassion on them. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd, and He asked His disciples to pray to the Father to send workers to rescue them. Yet, many times I am still unable to see the crowd as Jesus saw them. I see them as trees not as sheep. Trees don't have soul, feelings, and can't walk or talk. I have to listen and to answer Jesus' question: how am I seeing people around me? Am I able to identify their faces, their struggles, their fears, their pains? Am I seeing a widow and an orphan and go after them to help? Am I listening to someone who is in loneliness and in need to talk? Am I seeing someone frustrated and speaking into their lives?

C – Call

My God, You have called me primarily to look after people, not after trees. I could have trees in my backyard, but my priority is not my garden, but those needy people around me. Please, open my eyes completely, so I would see as Jesus sees and love as Jesus loves. We are in a broken and hurt world in such need of Your love and Your salvation. In His name, I pray. Amen.