

**Title: Godincidence - John 9:1-12**

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**Read:**

<sup>1-2</sup> Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?" <sup>3-5</sup> Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over. For as long as I am in the world, there is plenty of light. I am the world's Light."<sup>6-7</sup> He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, "Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "Sent"). The man went and washed—and saw. <sup>8</sup> Soon the town was buzzing. His relatives and those who year after year had seen him as a blind man begging were saying, "Why, isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?" <sup>9</sup> Others said, "It's him all right!" But others objected, "It's not the same man at all. It just looks like him." He said, "It's me, the very one." <sup>10</sup> They said, "How did your eyes get opened?" <sup>11</sup> "A man named Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' I did what he said. When I washed, I saw."<sup>12</sup> "So where is he?" "I don't know."

**Think:**

How often do you pray? Do you pray all the time at school, at college, on the way home? Do you pray every night before you sleep? Do you pray once a week, on Sunday? How often people pray, is really between them and God, but I am constantly flabbergasted by people's reaction to prayer. If God chooses not to answer our prayers in a way that we understand, what is our reaction? Are you like me and many others? Do you walk about being grumpy and doubting that prayer really works? Maybe you even say that prayer is a bunch of baloney and God doesn't listen. Sometimes when we don't know what God is doing and we see friends suffer, or things go wrong in our lives, it might seem that God isn't listening. But that's OK, our God can cope with a bit of grumpiness, he is bigger than us. But what about when God does answer our prayer, what is our reaction then? I bet like me, all too often, you simply forget to Thank God. Maybe, you even put it down to coincidence. You may say or think things like the guys in this passage. They claimed that Jesus hadn't healed the blind man. They said things like, hey it's not the same guy, even though truth stood in front of them. We are often no different, saying things like, well God didn't really heal my mate, the doctors did that. Or, well it was a friend of mine, that helped me out when I asked God to help me with a problem, it's just a coincidence that the problems gone away now. When in reality, we all know, that there are fewer coincidences in our lives and more Godincidences than we care to thank God for.

**Pray:**

Father, I thank you for all the answers to my prayers, that I have not given you the glory for. Lord you are a truly generous God, who answers so many prayers. Thank you. Amen.

**Action:**

Be the answers to someone's prayer today. Email someone some words of encouragement; or email you favourite aftershock dev to someone and maybe God can talk to them through you. Bye for now.