

# Being with Jesus:

A Devotional From the Book of Mark

## Week 3 Blind Faith

#### Scripture

"They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." — Mark 8:22-26

#### Reflection

There are times in our Christian walk when we encounter God. We feel His presence in a time of worship. We feel His strength in us when we need to do something hard. We feel His peace when we call out to Him. These are wonderful times! They are times when we meet with God and are changed by Him.

Sometimes though, we might feel disappointed after such times. It might be that we encounter God on a great spiritual retreat, but then fall back into a sin we were dedicated to overcoming. Or we may think we have forgiven someone and moved on, but anger crops back up.

One of the things God is teaching us from the story above is that healing is often a process. If Jesus wanted to, He could have healed this man with just one prayer; instead, one prayer starts the process, and it takes another one to finish it! When we encounter God and He does something awesome, that's part of the process; but it doesn't mean we are completely better. Complete healing is a lifelong process that doesn't end until we are with Jesus. We should try to have great times with God as often as we can because they do change us. Remember that becoming like Jesus is a long process, but God doesn't give up on us.

### Prayer:

God, thank You for working in my life. Thank You for not giving up on me. Help me to trust Your process of making me like Jesus. May I do my best to seek You and trust that You are working in my life. Amen.

#### Questions

Have you ever encountered God in an amazing way?

Looking at you life, what would you say has changed since you became a Christian?

What would you like to see God heal in you?