

I Am | Spiritual Blindness | Pastor Steve Williams | 05.15.2022
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“Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” - John 9:25

This morning Pastor Steve Williams reminded us that sharing our faith isn't as hard as we make it out to be. We don't have to have understanding, we have to have a story of transformation. That our story is one of transformation and restoration. The man in the passage today was SO transformed that he was totally unrecognizable.

- When people look at you, do you seem transformed? Restored?

Pastor Steve Williams challenges us with a bold prayer: “Jesus, transform me into the person You intended me to be. Restore me to be the person You made me to be. Clean away the sin that has gotten in the way.” This is a prayer for EVERY person. We don't base our faith on our experience, but we share our experience as a way to lead people to the Truth, to Jesus.

- What stood out to you in this week's message?
- What is the difference between talking about faith and acting out our faith?
- Practice your story:
 - How would you describe your life before you encountered Jesus?
 - What has Jesus done for you?
 - How would you describe your life after you started growing with Jesus?
 - My story: “I was _____, then Jesus _____. Now I _____”
- Why do people fear upsetting others more than chasing Jesus and His transformation?
- Do people see change in you? Are you “recognizable” due to your time with Jesus? Why or why not?
- Revisit Bold Prayer: “Jesus, transform me into the person You intended me to be. Restore me to be the person You made me to be. Please clean away the sin that has gotten in the way.”
 - What might happen if this prayer came alive in your life?
 - What is the most challenging thing about this prayer for you?

“ Be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

Looking for examples of real stories of transformations? Check this out:

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