

## John 9:18-34 New Living Translation (NLT)

**18** The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. **19** They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?”

**20** His parents replied, “We know this is our son and that he was born blind, **21** but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.”

**22** His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. **23** That’s why they said, “He is old enough. Ask him.”

**24** So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this,<sup>[a]</sup> because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.”

**25** “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”

**26** “But what did he do?” they asked. “How did he heal you?”

**27** “Look!” the man exclaimed. “I told you once. Didn’t you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

**28** Then they cursed him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! **29** We know God spoke to Moses, but we don’t even know where this man comes from.”

**30** “Why, that’s very strange!” the man replied. “He healed my eyes, and yet you don’t know where he comes from? **31** We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. **32** Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. **33** If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.”

**34** “You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue.

### Footnotes:

- a 9:24 Or Give glory to God, not to Jesus; Greek reads Give glory to God.

### Questions:

1. How would you respond to the Jewish leaders if you were the blind man’s parents? Explain.
2. The parents of the man born blind were afraid to talk about Jesus. Are you ever afraid to talk about Jesus and why?
3. Why do you think the man who had been blind was so unafraid to talk about Jesus?
4. How has Jesus changed your life?
5. Does that give you the boldness to talk about Jesus to others? Explain.