

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ted & Tonie Farris | New Mexico



### PRAISE

- We had 120 Ladies attend the Ladies Retreat. It was a relaxing time in the mountains of Arizona.
- Missionary, Ron and Nancy Minton, to Ukraine visited and were a blessing to meet and talk with.
  - Praise God for the testimony of Johnny, a 93 year old who attends services.

### PRAY

- Pray for Shannel and April, two ladies who have spiritual needs in their lives.
- Pray the parents and two children of Domuniquie who was found unresponsive recently.
  - Pray for the alcohol addiction in Gallup.
  - Pray for the salvation of Sameron, Derick and Dominic



Handout: 01/12/24

Study Date: 01/19/25

## Your Story Can Make Heaven Crowded

John 9:25

This Bible verse recounts the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. This was an extraordinary event, shaking the foundations of religious and societal norms of that day. When confronted by religious authorities who were skeptical and even accusatory, the man couldn’t give them theological arguments or deep insights into Jesus’ nature. All he could say was, “One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

Some of us even before encountering Christ were BLIND in various ways and maybe caught in patterns of sin, burdened by guilt and shame, or lost in despair. But after encountering Christ, our SIGHT changed.

In spiritual terms, this sight is not just about recognizing the Presence of God... but also understanding His love, mercy, and purpose for us. Like the blind man, we might not have all the answers. We might not be able to debate theological points or explain the mysteries of God’s nature, but we can point to a transformation that has occurred within us.

This scripture invites us to reflect deeply on our before-and-after experience with Jesus. It calls us to continually examine our “sight,” our perception of ourselves and the world around us, to ensure it is being shaped by our relationship with Christ. Are we still able to say, “I was blind, but now I see”? If not, it may be an indication that we need to re-center our lives around Christ, to once again experience the transformational healing that only He can provide.

Moreover, this verse serves as a challenge for us today to share what we “see” with the world around us. The blind man’s experience created a ripple effect, touching the lives of those who heard his story. Are we willing to share our own experiences, no matter how simple, to bring light to a world still groping in darkness?

So the question remains... “What do you see when you look at your spiritual journey? The answer to this question may just be the most powerful testimony you can give.

Resource: VersefortheDay.com

## KEY VERSE

Acts 9:25 (NKJV)

*He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."*

Read Acts 16:19-34

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Acts 9:25

#### Introduction

1. What does paragraph 2 on page 1 reveal to us about our "sight" before and after encountering Christ? How does this revelation relate to John 9:25?
2. Once we have "gained our sight" through Jesus Christ, how do we make sure to maintain it? What does paragraph 4 on page 1 tell us in this regard?

### Tuesday: Romans 10:9-12; I John 5:11-13

#### Confirm Your Story

3. Romans 10:9 is very clear in communicating what we must all do in order to be saved. What must we "*confess with our mouth*"?
4. Now that we have confessed that the Lord Jesus was risen from the dead to give us eternal life, what "affirmation" of this does I John 5:11-13 give us?

### Wednesday: II Timothy 1:12

#### Don't Be A Hope So Person

5. What statement is II Timothy 1:12 making in terms of having any doubt about our salvation?
6. What scripture or testimony do YOU share when you are confronted with someone who expresses doubt about their salvation?

### Thursday: I Peter 3:15; I Timothy 1:16

#### Complete Your Story

7. Why is it important to "*always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you*"? ( I Peter 3:15)
8. How many times have you been asked to give a reason for your hope in Christ? Through the years how has your testimony changed or grown?
9. What is Paul teaching us about God's mercy in I Timothy 1:16? Is there any one of us who is "beyond" God's grace and forgiveness?

### Friday: Mark 5:18-20; Acts 20:24

#### Communicate Your Story

10. From Jesus Himself we are directed in Mark 5:19 to share our experiences to help grow the faith of others. Do YOU?
11. How often do you take the opportunity to share your story with others of how you came to Christ?
12. What are we called to in order to "*finish our race with joy*" according to Acts 20:24? What are we to "*testify to*"?