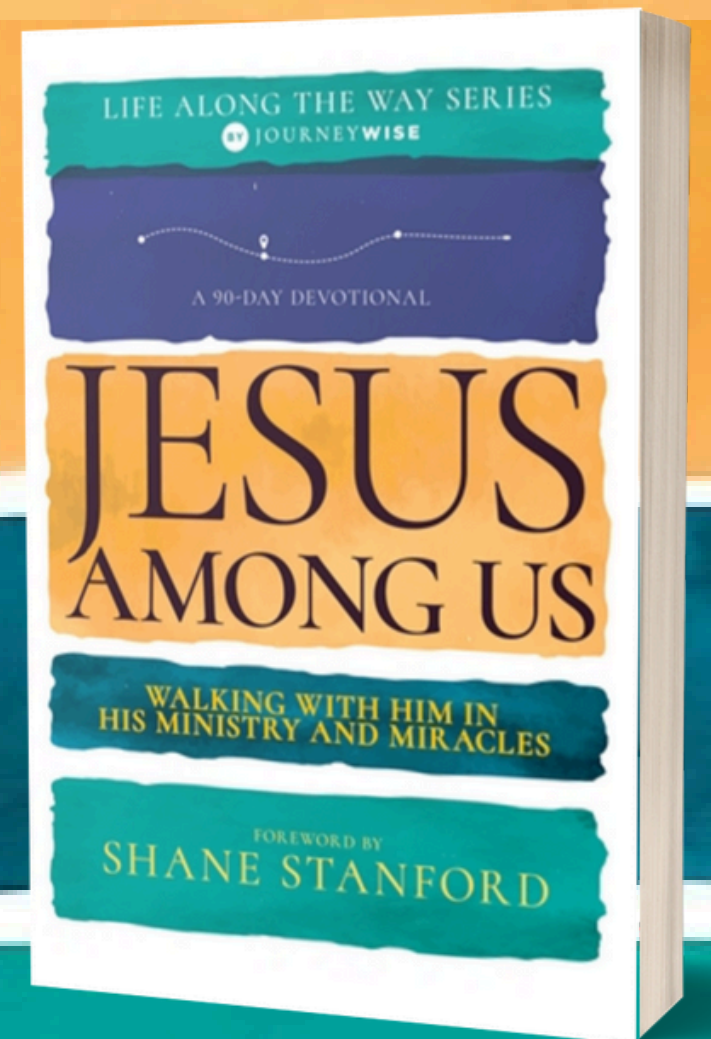


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JOURNEY WITH JESUS.



What stood out to you
this week?



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Week 9, Day 63

A Blind Man's Eyes Restored

Read: *Mark 8:22-26*

Helen Keller once said, “The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.” Jesus’ healing of the blind man here in **chapter 8**, and the healing of Blind Bartimaeus at the end of **Mark chapter 10**, bookend eleven stories about blindness of various kinds. Some people in these stories did not understand who Jesus was, some did not see the truth, and still others did not *want* to see the truth about Jesus. This text shows us Jesus’ intent to heal us of our spiritual blindness that we might know clearly who he is and follow him.

Table Talk

- What are some alternative reasons people may seek out Jesus or have an inauthentic interest in following him?
- Can you think of any circumstances or situations in which people today might try to use Jesus for their own purposes?
- How does how we see Jesus (i.e., healer, savior, miracle worker,) affect our relationship with him?

Table Talk

- How is seeing who Jesus is a progressive process?
 - Talk about the ways you saw who Jesus was as a child, a teen, and now as an adult.
 - What are the differences over the course of your life?
- How has growing in faith changed how you see who Jesus is and what he came to do?

Table Talk

The blind man came in need. The group of people who brought him may have come out of fascination. The religious leaders refused to come to Jesus at all.

- How does how we come to Jesus affect the way we see him? How does it affect our relationship with him?

Read Isaiah 61: 1-2.

- When you see Jesus, which of these descriptive phrases stands out as most vibrant for you?
- Which phrase describes how you have seen Jesus in your own life?



Live it

Read **Isaiàh 61:1-2** daily this week. Ask God to reveal to you any blind spots you may have about who Jesus is. Ask God to grow your understanding of that aspect of Jesus' nature and ministry. Search the Scriptures for additional truths about the area where you may be underestimating Jesus!

Next Week's Readings:
Days 64 - 70