the difference maker

Using My Every Day to Impact the Eternal

My Story Can Make a Difference

John 9 – The Story of the Blind Man Who is Healed

I As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Teacher," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" 3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "He was born blind so the power of God could be seen in him. . .5 But while I am still here in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smoothed the mud over the blind man's eyes. 7 He told him, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam". So the man went and washed, and came back seeing!

8 His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Is this the same man – that beggar?" 9 Some said he was, and others said, "No, but he surely looks like him!" And the beggar kept saying, "I am the same man!" 10 They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" 11 He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and smoothed it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash off the mud.' I went and washed, and now I can see!" ...

24 So for the second time they [The Pharisees] called in the man who had been blind and told him, "Give glory to God by telling the truth, because we know 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!" ...

35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 The man answered, "Who is he, sir, because I would like to." 37 "You have seen him, "Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!" 38 "Yes, Lord," the man said, "I believe!" And he worshiped Jesus.

Difference Maker Principle:

My testimony is a powerful tool that God will use to lead others to faith in Jesus Christ!

HOW TO USE MY STORY TO MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE:

•		MY STORY:
	I know that I am following	Jesus.

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

	My Salvation Date:
•	MY STORY:
	I write out and practice my story.

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." – 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)

Why Write Out Your Story?

- Your Friends Are Interested
- Your Friends Can Relate To It
- It's Hard to Argue With
- God Will Use It
- _____ MY STORY:

I ask God to use my story.

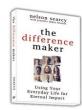
"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." – Acts 20:24

Memory Verse:

"But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life." – 1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)

Recommended Resource (available free today):

The Difference Maker



by Nelson Searcy

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:
 Memorize 1 Timothy 1:16. Prepare my written testimony and prepare to share it frequently.
 □ Ask God to open the door for spiritual conversations and give me boldness to share my story. □ Sign up to attend The Difference Maker Seminar on Wednesday nights – September 15 & 22 at 7:00pm.

Join Us Next Sunday for The Difference Maker – Part 2 "My Worship Can Make a Difference"

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