

Justice reflection

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John 9:1-41

As Jesus and his disciples walked past the pool of Siloam they saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him..."

This literally sounds like a tough-love situation that we could reframe by understanding that we are not alone. God does not wish our suffering but is present and cares that we are healed.

When we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit we can have a changed experience even when complete curing is not possible. Jesus was a faith healer who said. "We must work the works of him who sent me."

In other words, have your prayers moved any mountains lately? Healing by faith is about sharing our belief or encountering the faith in another and paying attention to what that means. Healing is not the same as curing. Receiving a change of attitude, experiencing hope or the support that can come from sharing or knowing that someone cares for us can bring spiritual comfort and change a life. We might even do that by bringing a meal or picking up a medication or some groceries for someone who is stuck at home or simply visiting a sick or lonely neighbor.