

# Life to the Full:

Living faith within our families

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Our Lenten reflection this week on the theme “Trust, Surrender, Believe, Receive” focuses on ‘belief’ as we explore the Gospel of the blind man who proclaimed, “Lord, I believe”.



### Gospel:

**John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38**

In this week's Gospel story, Jesus sees a man born blind from birth. He spits on the ground, makes a paste with the spittle and then puts it over the eyes of the blind man. He tells him to wash himself, and after doing as he was told, the blind man's sight is restored.

What do you make of Jesus' actions towards the blind man? Such a casual gesture – spitting on the ground, making a paste and putting it on the blind man's eyes. Yet this healed him.

The healing of the blind man wasn't done with any ceremony and it wasn't in line with Jewish practice or law. As a result, the Pharisees didn't recognise its value. They said, 'This man cannot be from God, he does not keep the Sabbath.' They closed their eyes to the obvious good that had been done and they stopped themselves from seeing the divine authority that had enabled Jesus

to do this. It wasn't done the way they expected things to be done and they were not ready to have their views changed. Challenged by the Pharisees, the man who had been healed proclaimed, “Lord, I **believe!**”

Pause for a moment to ask yourself:

Am I always able to see God at work?

Do I look for God in every person I meet?

Do I sometimes keep God

separate from the rest of my life?

Are there times when my belief is lacking?

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### Prayer

Lord, who visits us in unexpected ways,  
Open my eyes to see you in unlikely places,  
To greet others with a spirit of acceptance  
And to look for goodness in every encounter today.

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Amen

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RECEIVE**

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