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PICK YOUR SIDE

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses!”

John 9:22,28

Either Moses OR Jesus

PICK YOUR SINNER

His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

John 9:2

Either this man OR his parents

The Problem:

There is a tendency for people to think in fixed categories - side and sinner - especially in regards to personal (what I must do) and corporate (what we must do) responsibility.

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- 2. The moral and ethical vision for Christianity is based on every person experiencing the rule and reign of God.**

STAND ON YOUR STORY

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

John 9:35–38

Action Steps

- 1. Respond in faith**
- 2. Point to a person**
- 3. Prioritize people**
- 4. Accept difference**



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