



## The Second Touch

### Mark 8:22-26

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." <sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village."

## I. A miraculous place

### ▼ The climate at Bethsaida

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida,

### ▼ The compassionate community of beggars

<sup>22</sup> and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

### ▼ The case of blindness

<sup>22</sup> a blind man

### Bethsaida

- ▶ Located at northeast corner of the Sea of Galilee
- ▶ Home of Philip, Andrew, and Peter (John 1:44; 12:21)
- ▶ Location of many miracles (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13)
- ▶ Feeding of the Five Thousand (Mark 6:45; Luke 9:10)
- ▶ Rebuked by Jesus (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13)

## II. A mysterious process

### ▼ The first touch from Jesus

#### ▶ Jesus isolated and insulated him

<sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village.

#### ▶ Jesus imparted improvement to him

<sup>23</sup> When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him,

#### ▶ Jesus interviewed him

<sup>23</sup> Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

### ▼ The finishing touch from Jesus

#### ▶ Note the reissuing of the Savior's touch

<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes.

#### ▶ Note the receiving and restoration at the second touch

<sup>25</sup> Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

## III. A meaningful privacy

### ▼ Jesus directed him

<sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home,

### ▼ Jesus detoured him

<sup>26</sup> saying, "Don't go into the village."

## Messages from this miracle

### 1. Jesus is **personal** with us

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him,

### 2. Jesus is **patient and persistent** with us

Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." <sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes.

### 3. Jesus is **powerful** with us

His eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

### 4. Jesus is **private** with us

Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village."

- ▲ Keep **GOING** to Jesus
- ▲ Keep **GETTING** from Jesus
- ▲ Keep **GROWING** in Jesus