Man Born Blind

John 9:3

Jesus answered, "*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

This comes from chapter 9 of the Gospel of John. To get the context, read the entire chapter.

This verse jumped out at me because of my past experiences with Pentecostals and Charismatics condemning me because, according to their evaluation, I didn't have enough faith to be healed of my Cerebral Palsy. The part that caught my eye was the end of that verse: but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Pentecostals and some charismatics limit the works of God to visible, awe-inspiring miracles, but thar's limiting what kind of work God can do in order to be classified as a miracle. A lot of times it's a pride trip. "Look at how much faith I had to bring about this miracle." Their faith is in faith rather than having faith in a loving God.

What else can be a work of God? The placement of one of His servants at the right place at the right time to keep a lost soul from going to hell by giving him the gospel. It can be crucial if the one to whom the servant was sent is contemplating suicide. It has happened before. And guess what. That servant just *might* have a disability. That is just as much a work of God as any physical healing.

Although the circumstances were not that dire, I have had the privilege of reaping the harvest of two people, one of whom was a young lady with a disability. Another was a Gentile lady who in desperation had converted to Judaism,

searching for God. I was able to point her to the Messiah. Both of those were works of God – miracles in that God had me in the right place at the right time to meet the need in the power of His Spirit.