

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – A

Today I was surprised to find an interesting similarity between  
DAVID            BLIND MAN            and US

Look at David – Samuel comes to anoint the next king of Israel  
David is anointed and it says the Holy Spirit rushed upon David  
Now this is 1SAM 16 – know what happens in 1SAM17 – GOLIATH  
After He's anointed – after having a real-life experience of God  
Immediately he has a real-life experience testing his faith

Same is true of us – Often, after having a real-life experience of God our faith is tested.  
SATAN LOST ALOT ON CALVARY – HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE IN NWD

Look at the Blind Man – Jesus heals his blindness  
He has a real-life experience of God  
Immediately he is brought before the Pharisees and is questioned  
How did this happen? Who did it? Where you really blind?  
Jesus can't be a man of God – He made clay on Sabbath  
Just like David – after having a real-life experience of God  
He has a real-life testing of his faith  
But he doesn't crack  
His experience of Jesus gives him faith  
Gradually his faith grows – He tells them what JC did  
THEN – I already told you  
THEN – Do you want to be a disciple too?  
They throw him out (That'll test your faith)  
BUT Jesus picks him up

How many of us cradle Catholics grow in faith only after difficult decisions test our faith

David is anointed, filled with the HS  
He is tested with Goliath – and has Victory (David had HS)

Blind man is healed  
Questioned and his faith tested, thrown out – JC picks him up Victory (with JC)

In my life – your life, our faith will be tested  
The evil one wants us to doubt, wants us to question  
HE LOST ALOT ON CALVARY AND DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE NWD

But we have faith founded on rock – JC is our rock our fortress and our shield  
David defeated Goliath - Victory  
Blind man left the synagogue but found Jesus - Victory  
Easter is coming – Victory is ours as well