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JOHN 9:1-41

“A PARADIGM SHIFT”

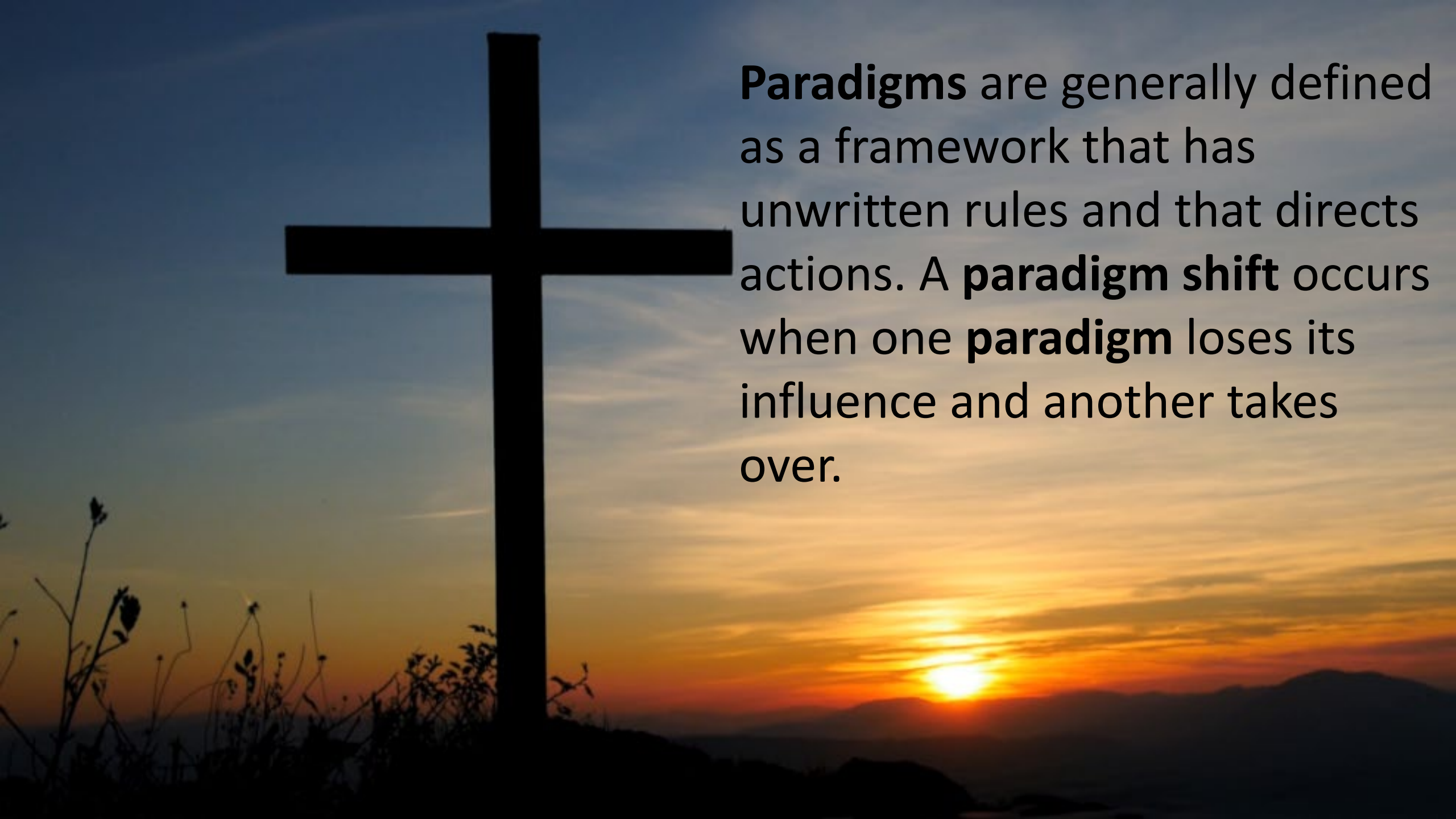


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(PART 1)

A large black cross silhouette is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. In the background, there are silhouettes of mountains and some sparse vegetation in the foreground.

Paradigms are generally defined as a framework that has unwritten rules and that directs actions. A **paradigm shift** occurs when one **paradigm** loses its influence and another takes over.

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1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

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

3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

4 I[a] must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

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The blind man's condition was chosen by God to declare his glory.

Have you every experienced having a difficult situation where God used it to reveal His glory?

What did it feel like going through the experience?

How has it prepared you to trust God in all situations?

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5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7 And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

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We see how Jesus spat on the ground and made mud and told the man to go and wash himself:

To what extent are you willing to do as God has instructed you?

We say we trust God but when He gives us strange instructions why do we struggle?

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8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was [b]blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

9 Some said, “This is he.” Others said, [c]“He is like him.”
He said, “I am he.”

10 Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

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When you are with old acquaintances and they recognize the paradigm shift in your life what is their response?

How do you handle them seeing you as you once were?

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11 He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to [d]the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

12 Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”



WHERE OR HAS YOUR
PARADIGM SHIFT
HAPPEN?