



Sight For Blind Bartimaeus

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“And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (Mark 10:46-52).

“And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: 36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. 37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. 38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, 41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God” (Luke 18:35-43).

Of the many people that Jesus healed, only a few were identified by name - adding valuable personal touch. We have already studied of some blind people that received sight. In this

“... What will ye that I shall do unto you?” (Luke 18:41).

one, we gain valuable unique insights for faith development and spiritual growth:

- 1) This miracle for Bartimaeus took place in the vicinity of Jericho, (vs 46,35).
- 2) The multitudes who followed Jesus witnessed the miracle. To witness the glory of God, we must follow Christ. (vs 46,36).
- 3) “And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant” (vs 36). He could have taken the multitude as opportunity to intensify begging, but he asked a question that changed his destiny. The courage to ask the right question will change your life, if you respond appropriately.
- 4) He seized the opportunity to cry out to Jesus for mercy (vs 47-48; 37-39). The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of that opportunity. Had blind Bartimaeus begged for more gifts, he could have spent the rest of his life in blindness.
- 5) The rebuke by the multitudes to “hold his peace” only intensified his passionate cry to Jesus for help (vs 48, 39). Never let the multitudes to silence your voice for miracle.
- 6) Jesus stopped and sent for him (vs 49,40). God always hear those who call upon Him.
- 7) The same crowd that rebuked him, now comforted and brought him to Jesus (vs 49). When God answers your prayers, your enemies will be silenced into submission.
- 8) “And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus” (vs 50). When God calls, we must cast away all ‘garments’ of distraction and come immediately.
- 9) Jesus led him to make a specific request, to which he got his miracle and followed Jesus, glorifying God along with the crowd (vs 51-52, 41-43). Be specific in prayers and glorify God with your life.