

## The Healing of Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

Lesson 18  
The Life Of Christ  
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### I. Assume Responsibility (verse 47)

#### Mark 10:47

*"And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me."*

Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord.

1. Didn't wait for someone else to act for him.
2. Didn't blame others for his lack of access to Jesus.
3. Didn't sit in a pool of self-pity about being blind and poor.

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A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord.

Application: Take responsibility for your own sin / mistakes.

1. Adam and Eve shifted blame. (Genesis 3:12-13)
2. Each bear our own sin. (Ezekiel 18:4, 20)
3. Each will give an account for self. (Romans 14:12)

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Application: Take responsibility for own conformity to the word.

1. Must save self. (Acts 2:40)
2. The treasurer took responsibility to act. (Acts 8:36)
3. Rather than:
  - Reason: "If the situation was different ..."
  - Wonder: "What can I do ...?"
  - Point to others as the cause of your failure.

### II. Believe You Can Change (verse 51)

#### Mark 10:51

*"And Jesus answered him, and said, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."*

- A. Though blind – believed that with Jesus he could see
- B. In contrast some feel powerless – think they are stuck
  1. Wish they could do better

But they are victims of circumstance and others

### II. Believe You Can Change (verse 51)

A. Application: You have the power to change.

1. Can overcome sin – Corinthians did (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
2. Can make a drastic change – Saul did (Acts 9)
3. Ephesians did – (Acts 19:17-20; Ephesians 4-5)
4. Can overcome being raised in sin – Abraham did (Genesis 12:1ff)

**B. You can change!**

III. Focus on Your Real Need (verse 51)

- A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty.
1. As a beggar – people could give him money.
  2. None of those could give him sight.
  3. His real need was gaining his sight!

III. Focus on Your Real Need (verse 51)

- A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty.
- B. Application: Your real need ...
1. May be forgiveness of sins.
    - a. May have many crying needs (financial, health).
    - b. Without forgiveness – will be lost. (John 8:21; Romans 6:23)

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- B. Application: Your real need ...
1. May be to get your priorities straight.
    - a. Have multiple things that call for your attention.
    - b. Set God as first and foremost. (1 Peter 3:15)
    - c. Can easily fool self into thinking we have our priorities in line. (Matthew 19:16-22)

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  2. May be to get your priorities straight.
  3. May be raising your children to fear God.
    - a. Have "life" pulling at you – job – etc.
    - b. Must train children in the way of God. (Ephesians 6:1-4)

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1. May be forgiveness of sins.
  2. May be to get your priorities straight.
  3. May be raising your children to fear God.
  4. May be salvaging your marriage.
    - a. May be other needs that demand immediate attention (i.e. bills to pay, health issues).
    - b. If your marriage is strained – needs all your attention.
    - c. Made a commitment to God. (Romans 7:2-3)

IV. Stop Worrying About What Others Say (verse 48)

Mark 10:48

*"And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me."*

Blind beggar was told to be quiet.

1. He cried out to the Lord – then was warned to be quiet.
2. But he ignored them.
  - a. He was focused on his need.
  - b. In fact, he cried out even more!
3. If he had listened to those around – not been healed.

IV. Stop Worrying About What Others Say (verse 48)

- A. Blind beggar was told to be quiet.  
 B. Others may be giving you the wrong advice.
1. May be telling you that you are fine as you are.
    - a. You're not in sin.
    - b. If it is "sin" – so what?
    - c. Automatically removed by grace.
  2. May be ridiculed for being so conscientious.
  3. May tell you that you're too strict with children.
  4. May tell you that you should leave your mate.
  5. May tell you a dysfunctional family is normal.
  6. May tell you that your faith should not get in the way of job, school or fears.
  7. May tell you don't need to attend all the time.

V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (verse 46)

Mark 10:46

*"And they come to Jericho: and as he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side."*

Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation.

1. Blind – couldn't see who is coming or where he was.
2. Beggar – often ignored, brushed aside in disdain.
3. Sat – not in a position to be seen or gain attention.

V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (verse 46)

- A. Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation.  
 B. You may be planning to get out of your rut.
1. But, waiting on others to do what they should do.
  2. I will turn to God – just as soon as I get life on the right track.
  3. I'll start attending church – when things get better.
  4. But can't now – since my family life is not good at all.

V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (verse 46)

- A. Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation  
 B. You may be planning to get out of your rut  
 C. Many have faithfully served God – in situations that were far less than ideal.
1. Paul was in prison.
  2. Abraham was in a strange country.
  3. Elijah felt all alone.
  4. Noah had only 7 other righteous people.
  5. Daniel was in captivity.

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 D. If you are waiting for the ideal circumstance – it may never come. cf. Acts 24:24-25

VI. Act Now (verse 50)

Mark 10:50

*"And he, casting away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus."*

Bartimaeus felt it was **NOW or NEVER**

1. May never have such an opportunity again.
2. Threw his garment aside – that he might run without interference. (verse 50)
3. Acted in faith based on what he knew about Jesus:
  - a. Because of his faith – he cried and begged.
  - b. Because of his faith – responded in joyous obedience to the divine call.
  - c. Because of his faith – he asked for sight.
4. There was no delay – no stalling!

VI. Act Now (verse 50)

- A. Bartimaeus felt it was NOW or NEVER.  
 B. If you are going to get out of your rut – you must act now.
1. You may not have another opportunity. (James 4:13-14)
  2. The more you delay – chances are increased that you may never act.
  3. Now is the time to obey the gospel. (Hebrews 3:7)
  4. Now is the time to be restored. (James 5:19-20)
  5. Now is the time to fix your family life.
  6. Now is the time to correct what is lacking.
  7. Now is the time to repair a relationship.
  8. Now is the time to work on growing.

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