

Saturday, April 4 ~ Lord, Make Me Like Bartimaeus ~ Mark 10:46-52

This Scripture tells the story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar hoping for healing. He boldly asked, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man replied, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant, he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

As I reflect on this passage, I picture our modern-day vision impairment and the constant pull toward a screen that hinders our once clear revelation of God and all that He has for us. So often, I absentmindedly scroll through my phone instead of opening His Word to connect with the only One who can actually fill my cup. Those who have spiritual eyesight see the beauty in Christ - that He will effectively draw them to run after Him.

Remind me Lord that you are my portion and increase my devotion to you so that I can be more like Bartimaeus. He was healed and immediately followed You. By this he showed that he was thoroughly cured, that he no longer needed to be led but he could go toward You.

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Mark 10:46-52 New International Version (NIV)

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵²"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.