

DON'T JUST SIT THERE!

Mark 10:46-52

I. DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

- A. *And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47)*
- B. The Source of Stunning Revelation.
 - 1. God uses shepherds, little children, a blind man, and a carpenter's son to help us see what is hidden.
 - 2. Perceived reality: Two people can look at the same situation and see two different things.
- C. Who Was Bartimaeus?
 - 1. He was just one of the crowd.
 - 2. He didn't count.
- D. What Did He See?
 - 1. Bartimaeus claimed to see what no one else saw.
 - 2. When he called Jesus "the Son of David," he was saying that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

II. DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT I BELIEVE?

- A. *And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." (10:51)*
- B. He Believed That Jesus Cared.
 - 1. Bartimaeus had absolutely nothing going for him, but he believed that Jesus cared for him anyway.
 - 2. In a world where there are always strings attached, and where everyone else is trying to keep score, he believed Jesus was different.
- C. He Believed That Jesus Could Help.
 - 1. He believed that miracles could happen and the blind could see.
 - 2. Jesus could bring healing in body, mind, and spirit.

III. WILL YOU DO WHAT I DID?

- A. *And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.*
- B. The Heart of the Matter.
 - 1. Of all the people that Jesus heals, as far as we know, Bartimaeus is the only one who becomes a disciple.
 - 2. The point is not about healing; it's about following.
- C. A Harmless Faith.
 - 1. C.S. Lewis' devil, Screwtape, advises his apprentice that the best way to keep Christian converts from doing damage is to prevent them for doing anything.
 - 2. What do you want Jesus to do for you? What does he want you to do for him?

Prayer Concerns: Members – Burney Biesel, Sarah Clark, Mac Kerr, Laura Hart, Anne Miller ... **Friends** – Bobby Atkins, Ed Bowen, Lane Brasfield, Erin Crawford, Helen Davis, Jane Davis, Ruby Dudley, Kenny Frazee, **Kathy Greer**, Bonnie Hart, Jim Hixon, Benette Hobday, **Inge Jowers**, Linda Lindner, **Judy Malaquias**, Macy Morgan, Bertie Owen, Shirley Rice, Jennie Stafford ...

Christian Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to **Harrylyn Hart and family** in the death of her sister, **Joanne Locklear**, on Tuesday, November 9.

PASTORAL PRAYER

O loving God, we hear you say that those who wait on you will renew their strength, and we confess before you now that we need renewing.

Some of us come saddened at the loss of a loved one, and that empty place still frames everything we do, and we need your help in working through that, and renewing our spirit.

Some of us come boxed into some corner of life that we don't like, and because there isn't any way to escape it, we've got to find a way to brighten it up, and we need our hope renewed.

Some of us come with grudges that we can't give up, and we ourselves bear most of the pain of that, and we need renewing in forgiveness.

Some of us come far too impatient to be willing to wait for the good things of life to happen in their own time, and maybe if we can learn to wait on you, we can wait on the unfolding of each new day with the gift it brings. Renew our patience.

Slow us down, Lord, and let us really look, and really listen, and really see those unexpected moments when your love comes down and seeks to fill us up and make us whole, for this is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (to be sung): **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way.

SERMON SCHEDULE

In the Sanctuary:

November 19	<i>The Best That We Have</i> Thanksgiving Sunday	Mark 12:38-44
November 26	<i>What Is Truth?</i>	John 18:33-37
December 3	<i>Can You Read the Signs?</i> First Sunday of Advent	Luke 21:25-36

On the Radio (1450 AM):

November 19	<i>One of Our Best Words</i>	Luke 17:11-19
November 26	<i>I Shall Become Myself</i>	Exodus 3:1-15
December 3	<i>God's Great Desire</i>	Psalms 23