

Love That Causes People to See - Let's Go
Mark 10:46-52
10-24-21

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 – "...not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, ...or powerful...or noble birth. But God chose what is foolish...what is weak...what is low and despised...so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

Broken and blind people need:

I. Mercy.

Mercy is God graciously not giving us what we deserve but giving us kindness.

Mark 10:46-47 – "And they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, 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!'"

2 Samuel 24:14 – "David said to God, 'I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into human hands.'

Psalm 23:6 – "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Lamentations 3:23 – "Your mercies are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Mark 10:48 – "And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

II. Compassion.

Compassion is to see the suffering of others and to act in alleviating their suffering.

Proverbs 31:8-9 – "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...for all who are destitute...defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Zechariah 7:9-10 – "The Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion...'"

Micah 6:8 – "...And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Amos 5:24 – "Let justice roll on like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Mark 10:49-51 – “And Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart. Get up; He is calling you.’ And throwing off his cloak, 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, ‘Rabbi, let me recover my sight.’”

Psalm 50:15 – “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

Psalm 71:2 – “In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me and save me!”

III. To Follow Jesus.

Mark 10:52 – “And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him on the way.”

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus.
2. Receive your sight.
3. Walk with the Lord.

Luke 18:43 – “And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. How well do you see spiritually in your life right now?
2. Do you remember any unfortunate cases of “mob mentality” from your school days? What makes it difficult to resist or put a stop to such behavior?
3. Why is it sometimes easy to overlook certain individuals while we are seeking to do great things for the Kingdom? How does pride play a part? How does cognitive bias play a part?
4. How do the busyness of our culture and “the tyranny of the urgent” make it hard to stop and help individuals? How do we learn to stop and invest?
5. What is the significance of Bartimaeus referring to Jesus as *Rabbouni*, “my Teacher”?
6. Why did Jesus ask this blind man what he wanted ---wasn’t it obvious? What else might a blind beggar ask for from a passersby? How did Bartimaeus’s request demonstrate faith in Jesus? What have you asked Jesus to do for you? Look at what James and John wanted Jesus to do for them in Mark 10:35-37. What are the differences between these two requests given to Jesus?
7. Why did Bartimaeus follow Jesus? How do his reasons compare with the reasons we might have?
8. Previously when Jesus healed a blind man (Mark 8:22-26), He touched him, applied saliva, and accomplished it in two stages. Here Jesus simply speaks, and it is done. Why did Jesus do the same thing in two different ways? What point was He making?
9. In what sense are we all blind until Jesus heals us?