



Part 4: A Shift in Perspective

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Mark 10

⁴⁶ Then 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. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing 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.

The Power of a Name:

Bartimaeus = “son of the unclean”

The Power of Desperation:

Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!

The Power of a Call:

The difference between “shut up” and “come here”

The Power of Hope:

“Throwing his cloak aside....”

The Power of Question:

“What do you want me to do for you?”

His answer: I want to see

Your answer: _____

The Power of Permission:

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you”

After you get what you want, where do you go?

The Power of a Decision:

“Immediately, he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road”

Faith is when we follow while we still can't see.

The Power of a Rewritten Name:

Bartimaeus = “son of honor”

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you like your name? If you could change it, what would you change it to?
- 2) What does your name mean? Does the meaning mean anything to you?
- 3) How would you answer Jesus' question – What do you want me to do for you? If you could only answer the question once, what is the greatest desire of your heart?
- 4) If God gave you the answer you want to the question above, where would you go once you got what you wanted? Would a “yes” compel you to follow Jesus or go somewhere else?
- 5) In what area of your life are you walking by faith and not by sight?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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