

Living the Abundant Life in CHRIST

Faith Alone – Mark 10:46-52

April 15, 2018

The Significance of “the road.” (Mark 10:32-33).

(Mark 10:43a-45)

We see the strong faith of Bartimaeus in what he does:

1. Bartimaeus **knows** who Jesus is. (46-47)
 - A. He calls Jesus “**Son of David.**”
 - 1) Jesus is **superior** to David. See Mark 12:35-37.
 - 2) Jesus was a **royal** person
See Mark 11:1-10 Palm Sunday;
He is on trial as a king Mark 15:1-15;
He dies as a king Mark 15:16-32.
 - B. Despite his blindness, Bartimaeus is able to **recognize** who Jesus is.
Most people were not able to recognize Jesus’ identity:
 - 1) Mark 4:11-12^a
 - 2) Mark 8:18-21
2. Bartimaeus persists despite **hindrances**. (48)
 - A. **Faith** does not come easily to people in the Gospel of Mark; it must overcome obstacles to get what it seeks.
 - B. In the case of Bartimaeus, **people** were the hindrance.
3. Bartimaeus expects a change. (49-50)
 - A. Jesus **called** Bartimaeus.
 - B. Bartimaeus had to be **brought** to Jesus by the others.
 - C. Bartimaeus threw aside his **garment** to go to Jesus. He expected to be transformed.
4. Bartimaeus asks for the **right** thing. (51-52)
 - A. The blind man simply asks for his **sight**.
 - B. Jesus healed him according to his **faith**.

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Memory Verse: Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. (John 10:52)

Prayer: Lord, help me in my unbelief so that I will always follow you.

Reading Plan:

Monday	Mark 2
Tuesday	Mark 5
Wednesday	Mark 7
Thursday	Mark 8
Friday	Mark 10
Saturday	Mark 11
Sunday	Mark 15

Song for the Week: *Have Mercy on Me*, by Pat Sczebel and Dale Bischof (Sovereign Grace)

Consider:

- Does it not seem unusual that out of the great multitude of people, that only Bartimaeus and several other individuals were responding to Jesus in faith?
- How do you think the blind man knew about Jesus? The text says, “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!’”
- What do you think was the crowd’s motivation when they urged Bartimaeus to be quiet when he was calling out to Jesus?
- Talk about the significance of Bartimaeus’ story coming on the heels of Jesus’ teaching on being a servant in Mark 10:43-45.
- Compare the faith of Bartimaeus and the faith of the disciples in light of Mark 8:18-21.
- Discuss those persons in the crowd who encouraged Bartimaeus to get up because Jesus was calling him. Is this small group a good model for our behavior? Why?

Application:

Calling on Jesus is effective when we have conviction within our hearts that He hears our plea and He will respond.

Coming next week:

Living the Abundant Life
“Slaves of Righteousness”
Romans 6
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