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**Title:** At the Cross-Roads

**Text:** Mark 10:46-52

**Target:** The intersection of breakthrough is when desperation collides with deliverance.

I. Reputation of Rejection: “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.” (Vs. 46)

A. Defined by Disability: “blind beggar”

B. Recognized by Relationship: “son of Timaeus”

II. Plea of Persistence: “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!” (Vs. 47)

A. Statement of Faith: “Jesus. Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Vs. 47)

B. Seen as Frustrating: “And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.” (Vs.48a)

C. Shout of Faithfulness: “but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Vs. 48b)

III. Invitation of Intercession: “And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” (Vs. 49)

A. Stopping Jesus: “Jesus stopped” (Vs.49a)

B. Savage Jesus: “they called the blind man” (Vs.49b)

IV. Sincerity of Surrender: “And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.” (Vs. 50)

A. A Direct Question: “And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” (Vs.51a)

B. A Distinct Confession: “And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” (Vs.51b)

V. Testimony of Transformation: “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.” (Vs. 52)

A. Holy Healing: “your faith has made you well.”

B. Eternal Eyesight: “immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”

**Takeaway:** If you got what you wanted from Jesus, would Jesus get what He wanted from you?!