

**HOW DESPERATE ARE YOU?**  
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**Desperate** (Definition) - without hope; lost beyond hope of recovery

**Tolerate** (Definition) - to put up with somebody or something unpleasant; to allow or permit

In what areas are you desperate? What are some things that you just “tolerate”?

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I. The story of Bartimaeus. Who was Bartimaeus?

1. Blind beggar
2. Son of Timaeus

II. **Mark 10:46-52** (NLT)

- A. **v. 46:** (NLT) Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road.
1. Crowd (definition) - a large number of persons gathered closely together
- B. **v. 47:** (NLT) When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
1. He couldn’t see but he could hear
  2. He couldn’t see but he could shout
- C. **v. 48:** (NLT) “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
1. What did the crowd do?
    - a) Rebuked
    - b) Yelled
    - c) Rejected
    - d) Intimidated
    - e) Told him to be quiet
- D. **v. 49:** (NLT) When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!”
1. Bartimaeus caught the attention of Jesus despite the crowd.
  2. The crowd (intimidators) encouraged him only after Jesus called him. They did not embrace the process. ***The process was OFFENSIVE to them.***
    - a) **Has someone else’s process ever been offensive to you?**
    - b) **Has your process ever been offensive to someone else?**
- E. **v. 50:** (NLT) Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.
1. His coat (his covering, his protection, his necessity up until that moment)
  2. He threw aside everything that hindered him; he jumped up; and came to Jesus. (he **did** three things!)

