

## Desperate! The Story of the Blind Beggar

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### Mark 10:42-52 (NIV)

<sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

<sup>46</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup> “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- **When you are desperate shout out to God for mercy and be persistent!** (vs. 46-48; Joshua 6:12-20)

*“Cold prayers never win God’s ear. Draw your bow with all your strength,  
if you wish to send your arrow up to heaven.” Spurgeon*

*“The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer;  
they do not go on praying; they do not persevere!” – George Mueller*

- **Your prayers should be directed to Jesus and you should pray now while He is here!** (vs. 47-50; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

*The genuine cries for mercy from a desperate soul will always move the heart of God.*

- **The persistent prayer of faith directed to Jesus makes all the difference.** (vs. 51-52; James 4:1-2; Luke 11:5-13; Romans 10:13)
- **Your life’s purpose is to follow Jesus in “The Way”.** (vs. 52; John 14:6)

*“His way now was to follow Jesus. After all He’s done for me, After all He’s done for me, How can I do less, than give Him my best, And live for Him completely, After all He’s done for me.” Smith*

- **The King came to serve Blind Beggars; that’s really good news!** (vs. 42-45, 48-52; Luke 19:10)