

Mark 10

Love People to Please Jesus

I. Marriage and Divorce

1 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

- Moving to the east side of Israel; Decapolis [Man formerly known as Legion]

He's now making His final ascent to Jerusalem. The enemies, those bloodhounds of hate, are on His trail [JVM]

2 The Pharisees came and asked Him, **"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"** testing Him. 3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her." 5 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

- Pharisees not looking for answer: **Test/Trap**. Catch Him "the horns of a dilemma"

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

Matthew 19:3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife **for just any reason?**"

- **Issue of the time:** Herod divorced his wife to marry his brothers wife
- **If "no" Jesus answer would contradict both...**

1. **Moses:** Law of God
2. **Herod:** Law of the land

- **If Jesus says yes** he would seem too lenient
- Jesus method: Counter a question with a question:

Q. "What did Moses command you?"

A. "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her."

Deuteronomy 24:1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, 2 when she has

departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife...

- "See...Moses permits divorce" Not a law. Not a command...but an allowance
- Actually a degree of protection of the wife to have certificate

The rabbis of that day had a saying: "If a man has a bad wife, it is a religious duty to divorce her." Jesus goes against this way of thinking. [Guzic]

- **Law:** What does "finds some uncleanness in her" mean?

Rabbi Shammai: Understood that uncleanness meant sexual immorality, and said that was the only valid reason for divorce.

Rabbi Hillel: Understood uncleanness to mean any sort of discretion, even to the point of burning the breakfast being valid grounds for divorce.

Rabbi Hillel: "...it could mean if the wife spoiled a dish of food, if she spun in the streets, if she talked to a strange man, if she spoke disrespectfully of her husband's relations in his hearing, if she was a brawling woman, (who was defined as a woman whose voice could be heard in the next house).

Rabbi Akiba: even went the length of saying that it meant if a man found a woman who was fairer in his eyes than his wife was."

Jesus redirects the conversation to the "Heart" of the problem....problem of the Heart"

- [John 15 burned braches] "Can I lose my salvation?" "How do I get closer to Jesus?"

"Because of the hardness of your heart Moses wrote you this precept!"

- Jesus again redirect their attention to God's original intent:
 1. Away from God's permissive allowance [divorce]
 2. Toward God's perfect plan [marriage that honors God]

10:6 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Of God's original intention: "Any violation of it is sin, but it is not the unpardonable sin, I can assure you of that" [JVM]

God made them male/female: God's ownership, God's institution...so His rules apply [DGuzic]

10:7 Leave father and mother and be joined to his wife. One flesh, no longer two, but one

"And the law of God was not, that a man should forsake his wife whenever he had a mind to it, but that he should rather forsake his father and mother than his wife; loving his wife as

his own body." (Poole)

"Not only meaning that they should be considered as one body, but also as two souls in one body, with a complete union of interests, and an indissoluble partnership of life and fortune, comfort and support, desires and inclinations, joys and sorrows." (Clarke)

10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. 11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

- **Strongest statement on divorce in Scripture:**

Matthew 19:9 [Parallel] "...whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." 10 *His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."*

- Paul adds abandonment of unbelieving spouse as legitimate grounds for divorce

1 Corinthians 7:15 ... if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace

- God's permissive will allows for divorce in the case of:
 1. Adultery/Sexual Immorality
 2. Abandonment by non-believer [Physical Abuse?]
- Perfect will is to work it out. Repentance/forgiveness/restoration always is best
- **Divorce always has consequences:**

"The discussion of divorce and the blessing of the little children are brought together by both Matthew and Mark. It seems to me the Spirit of God is trying to tell us something here. The child is the innocent product of the marriage, and a divorce becomes doubly evil because the little children suffer so in the divorce. It is amazing to see the number of young people from broken homes who get into trouble today. That is no accident by any means. That is the way it works out" [JVM]

Malachi 2:16 "For the Lord God of Israel says That **He hates divorce**, For it covers one's garment with violence" [Destruction to so may and because...]

- **Marriage:** Picture of how Jesus gave Himself to His Bride [church] and she to Him
- **Scriptural Teaching on Marriage: Heart Issue**

Believing Singles: Marry a believer: Don't be unequally Yoked, you'll be sorry.

My Christian friend, marriage is something that God wants to arrange for you , if you will let Him [JVM]

Believer married to unbeliever: Unbeliever leaves: Believer is free to remarry

Believing Married: Hard times. Stay married. Example to the unbelieving world

Believing Married w/Adultery: Permitted to divorce/remarry but not God's best

...with God all things are possible
...with God nothing will be impossible

Believing Couple already divorced but not for adultery. Neither has remarried: Work it out. In God's eyes you are still married. "What God has joined let none separate"

Believing Couple already divorced but not for adultery. One is remarried. Other may be free to marry since there is no longer chance of reconciliation. [Grey]

Believing Couple already divorced/ remarried and both divorced to second spouse. First Couple shall not remarry again.

Q. I am divorced & remarried...did things wrong. Is my new spouse my husband/wife in God's eyes?

Q. Does not want you to get divorced again? 2 wrongs do not make right

- So...All Scripture pertaining to marriage applies to you and family.
 1. Rest in forgiveness/bask in His grace but don't take His grace for granted
 2. God's love has not changed for you
 3. Go and sin no more
 4. Your divorce did not take God by surprise
 5. Still able to be a great blessing to Kingdom of God

Heart Issue

- Our responsibility as a Church to forgive as we have been forgiven...

"I don't know why we will forgive the murderers but often refuse to forgive a divorced person. We act almost as if he has committed the unpardonable sin. People who are saved after securing a divorce ought not to bear the stigma any more than any other sinner who has been saved. We are all sinners saved by grace. It just happens that divorce is their sin" [JVM] Anything that is not God's perfect will is sin.

Tangled web ...Because of the hardness of [our] heart

"If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

Why do we complicate things? Things become a tangled mess. Because we are led by our flesh, old man, sinful nature and not walking in the simplicity of the Spirit!

SUMMARY: Marriage and Divorce: Let us be a picture of Jesus and His Bride; Sacrifice, giving, forgiving, restoration, transformation, endurance and victory. A picture the world is dying to see.

II. Children Bless Jesus

13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*.

- Brought: Lit. to be dedicated to God; that He might touch them
- Children sense kindness/genuine; gravitated to Jesus
- **Jesus love kids:** Watch them, study them, be like them...

Mark 9: 34on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and *said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." 36 Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, 37 "Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."

Gravestone of baby died at Birth: **Known only to God**

- Disciples rebuked the moms?

14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

- Do not prevent...do not forbid
- Who really forbids children to come to Jesus:
 1. Schools System
 2. Hollywood
 3. Non-believing parents/relatives
- Woe to them!

9:42 "...whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea."

But these dear boys and girls - there is something to be made out of them. If now they yield themselves to Christ they may have a long, happy, and holy day before them in which they may serve God with all their hearts. Who knows what glory God may have of them? Heathen lands may call them blessed. Whole nations may be enlightened by them." (Spurgeon)

15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." **16** And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

- Received as a child: Nothing to offer but "hands up"

...the emphasis is on the fact that children will receive, and don't feel they have to earn everything they get. Children are in a place where often all they can do is receive. They don't refuse gifts out of self-sufficient pride. [D Guzik]

Romans 6:23 ...the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SUMMARY: Jesus blesses the children and the Little children bless Jesus. Do not forbid them...study them!

III. Rich Young Ruler walks away from the Kingdom of God

17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

- **Good Teacher:** What can I do to make sure I go to heaven?
- Opposite of receiving as a child:

How can I earn eternal life?

18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

- Jesus not denying His deity...just clarifying it!

"There is no instance in the whole Talmud of a rabbi being addressed as 'Good Master'." Only God was called "good" by ancient rabbis.

- Why do you call Me good? Good here: **Sinless, complete goodness**

Paraphrase: If I am good; I am God; and if I am God, I am not just a "teacher"

19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"

- You know the commandments?
- Jesus quotes tablet II of the Law: How to treat one another

20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

Philippians 3:4 ... I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

- Blameless with regard to the written law; guilty with regard to the Spirit of the law
- Love God and your neighbor as yourself

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

- **Looked at him and loved him** as He told him what he lacked?

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend

- **One thing keeping you from Me:** Stuff/Idolatry
 1. Go your way
 2. Sell what you have
 3. Give what get from Garage sale to the poor [treasure waiting in heaven]
 4. Come back
 5. Take up the cross
 6. Follow Me

22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions

- Sad because of the Word of God? Went away from church with head down?

Acts 20:26 ... 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

- Not that he could not follow...**he would not. Great possessions**

He had climbed to the top of the ladder of success, only to find his ladder was leaning against the wrong building. [Guzik]

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

- **How hard is it.** Not a question but a statement of fact
- Dual allegiance:
 1. Money
 2. God

- **Faithfulness** with money is more important than we might think!

Luke 16:10 [Read]"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? 12 And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You**

cannot serve God and wealth.”

- **Unfaithfulness** with money is more dangerous than we might think!

1 Timothy 6:9 [Read]... those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. [Anything that leads us to independence on God must go]

1. Money will buy a but not sleep
 2. Money will buy food but not an appetite
 3. Money will buy medicine but not health
 4. Money will buy a house but not a home
 5. Money will buy a diamond but not love
 6. Money will buy a church pew but not Salvation
- Earthly Possessions stood in between the man and Jesus
 - 3 feet away from the Kingdom of Heaven...eternal life he was seeking!

24 And the disciples were astonished at His words.

- **Astonished:** “Don’t riches mean that a person is blessed by God?” **Apparently not**

Luke 16:14 ...the Pharisees, who were **lovers of money**, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. 15 And [Jesus] said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for...

**...that which is highly esteemed among men
Is detestable in the sight of God.**

- **Humble/Contrite Heart**

Psalms 34:18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Isaiah 57:15 ...thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

24b But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!

- **Children:** i.e. Receive this instruction as a child
- Impossible to **trust in riches** and enter the Kingdom of God...

NOTE: Jesus does not say you cannot HAVE riches to enter the Kingdom.

- How difficult is it to Have Riches and not Trust in those riches???

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

- **Humorous to make a serious point:** That man would not make the hard choice

26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

- Greatly astonished [confused]: Who can be saved?
- **Even these guys knew it was a Salvation Issue...**Hard teachings!

"If [we can't get divorced for any reason], it is better not to marry."

"If God has to be above all we have...who can be saved?"

Walked away from the Kingdom when he walked away from the King!

27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

- When I intervene you will do the impossible. Priorities will change. Joy increase!

Mark 10:27...**with God all things are possible**

Luke 1:37 ...**with God nothing will be impossible**

- God's grace is sufficient to save the rich man:

1. Zaccheus
2. Joseph of Armithea
3. Barnabas

28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

- **Peter:** We did that...we did what that guy didn't do. Truth. Dropped their nets and followed Jesus! **What do we get?**

29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

Mark 8:35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

- Houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, land 100 fold in this life
 1. Church Family in this Age [with persecutions]
 2. Eternal Life in the Age to Come; i.e. regeneration

Matthew 19:28 [Parallel] So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

- Things are not what they seem; those that seem first will be last
- Those faithfully working with no recognition will be at the front

Matthew 25:21... 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.'**

SUMMARY: Rich Young Ruler: So close to the Kingdom. So close to the King. Chooses to walk away from Eternal Life for Temporal comfort.

IV. Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death/Resurrection

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were **amazed**. And as they followed they were **afraid**.

- **Amazed:** Walked in front of the disciples toward Jerusalem
- Courage of Jesus.

"I have set My face like a flint"

Isaiah 50:7

- **Amazed at Jesus courage to march straight toward His enemies!**
- **Afraid:** As they followed "They were afraid" but *fisherman* still followed

Courage: Afraid of doing something but *doing it anyway*

- As followers of Jesus **we may be afraid:**
 1. Persecution
 2. Mockery
 3. Insults
 4. Physical abuse
 5. Jail
 6. Loss of status/influence
 7. Ostracized on Job/School
- Afraid but know that Jesus went before us:
- Commander of the Army of the Lord. The Lord of Hosts. The General goes first!

Hebrews 4:15 ...we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

As He overcame so we overcome

John 16:33 [I have spoken these things that...] Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- Amazed that Jesus leads...afraid as they followed but still followed!

32b Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: 33 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

- **First mention of being delivered to the gentiles;** i.e. held in contempt by His own people the Jews...received Him not.
- Jews hand Jesus over to their enemies the Gentiles [Romans] to be crucified?
- Why did Jesus tell them?

When it happens they will know not an accident!

Revelation 13:8b [Jesus is...] the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 ... He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame

SUMMARY: Jesus predicts His near suffering... **and is purposefully walking toward it! Thinking about our sin...destruction in this life and hell in the next:**

Romans 5:8 ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- While we were crucifying He prayed for us
- Love for us while we were at our worst that held Him to the Cross!

II. Greatness Is Serving

- We assume an atmosphere of self reflection/contemplation on part of disciples...

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

- **James and John:** Sons of Thunder

Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling

down and asking something from Him.

- After talking about the torment to come, 3 say... **"Do whatever we ask"**?
- Root of all sin is pride.

36 And He said to them, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

- When you're King let my sons be 2nd and 3rd in command of the Political Kingdom
- Continual/Perpetual topic of conversation: **"Who is the Greatest?"**

Matthew 17:17 ...how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?

1. How long will you have no faith after I am there for you again and again?
2. How long will you enjoy My creation and deny Me as creator
3. How long will you keep destroying yourself and not turn to Me to be healed?
4. How long will your focus be on who is greatest? He is standing in front of you

...the Lord passed before [Moses] and proclaimed,

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth..." Exodus 34:6

- **Longsuffering:** Patient, slow to anger...

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized..."

- **Should have listened:** Suffer and Die
 1. **Able to Drink the cup:** Wrath of man
 2. **Able to be Baptized:** Die and rise again
- You will indeed drink and be baptized:
 1. James 1st apostle martyred **was beheaded..**
 2. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos for the Testimony of Jesus

40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

Matthew 27:38 ...two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the

left.

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be **greatly displeased** with James and John.

- **Greatly displeased:**

1. Not because they asked Jesus for a favor after He prophesied death
2. **Because they did not think of it first!**

42 But Jesus called them to Himself...

- Woodshed of God:

42b [Jesus] said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

- Exercise great authority: Power hungry...stepping on people as they climb the ladder

43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- Pagans lord power over the masses...**shall not be so among you:**

1. Do you desire to be great...serve
2. Do you desire to be first...wait and go last...be the slave of all
3. Even I Jesus did not come to be served but TO SERVE
4. **Give my life** to buy you back from sin...

- Act of the will:

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but **made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

SUMMARY: Greatness in Serving. Last will be First.

Salvation is free but we work for our reward as we serve others [JVM]

Mark 10 Sequence:

1. vv 1-12 Pharisees try to trap: Marriage and Divorce: Heart issue; [Pride]
2. vv 13-16 Little children. Such is the Kingdom of God: [Humility]
3. vv 17-31 Rich man runs to Jesus: [Pride]
4. vv 32-34 Jesus predicts His suffering and resurrection for us [Humility]
5. vv 35- 45 Who is the greatest? [Pride]
6. vv 46-52 One more demonstration of **Humility** [faith of a child] and God's Grace

III. Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

- Still not getting the "faith of a child" thing Jesus continues toward Jerusalem

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

- Blind Bartimaeus: Known by all sitting by side of road

47 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!"

- **Son of David:** Messianic term
- **Have mercy on me:** Acknowledging need for mercy

...didn't have much class, but he did have persistence and determination [D Guzik]

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- Warned him to be quiet? Cried out louder for mercy
- Don't let this opportunity go by...

"Apply to the Son of David; lose not a moment; he is passing by, and thou art passing into eternity, and probably wilt never have a more favourable opportunity than the present." [Clarke]

Like on stranded on an island seeing a ship!

"Rest assured that those are the best prayers in all respects, if they be earnest and sincere, which go most directly to the point. You know there is a way of praying in the closet, and praying in the family, in which you do not ask for anything. You say a great many good things, introduce much of your own experience, review the doctrines of grace very thoughtfully, but you do not ask for anything in particular. Such prayer is always uninteresting to listen to, and I think it must be rather tedious to those who offer it." (Spurgeon)

49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

- Come on now get up! He wants to talk to you?

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

- Blind man exemplified the faith of the little child
- What do you want me to do for you ...Hands up....I want to see
- **Things that cause God to smile:**
 1. Contrite Heart
 2. Humility
 3. **Faith like a Child**

Hebrews 11:6 ...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- God desires to bless our faith:

Luke 11:9 ... "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 **For everyone who asks receives,** and he who **seeks finds,** and to him who **knocks it will be opened.** 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" [God desires to bless our faith!]

52 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.**

- Jesus says go your way and he followed Jesus who has become the way
- In a few days he would see Jesus hanging on the cross for him

SUMMARY: Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus: Childlike faith, Healing, Followed Jesus as he looked at the sky, mountains, trees, fields **as if he had never seen them before**