

I. When Desperation Is Met With Delay (46)

- A. Commotion gets in the way - “And they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd...”**
- B. Limitations get in the way - “...Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus...”**
- C. Surviving gets in the way - “...was sitting by the roadside.” **Daily survival often impedes the necessity of desperation****

II. When Desperation Is Answered With Direction (47-49) **Is it inward, outward, or UPWARD?**

- A. A clear plea (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!”**
- B. A challenged plea (48a) - “And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent...”**
- C. A continuing plea (48b) - “...But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”**
- D. A captivating plea (49) - “And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; He is calling you.”**

III. When Desperation Turns To Delight (50-52)

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- A. The possibility motivated him (50) - “And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.”**
- B. The Savior addressed him (51a) - “And Jesus said to him, What do you want me to do for you?”**
- C. The need overwhelmed him (51b) - “And the blind man said to him, Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”**
- D. The breakthrough found him (52a) - “And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight...”**
- E. The Master owned him (52b) - “...and followed Him on the way.” **Jesus told him “go your way”, Bartimaeus followed Him on “the way”****