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BARTIMAEUS

Mark 10:46–52

“What do you want me to do for you?”



Scripture Reading

*As I begin, I become aware of the Lord present to me,
looking upon me with love, desirous of speaking to my heart...*

Prayerfully, I read Mark 10:46–52.

Meditation

I see the crowds, the road as it leaves the city, the blind beggar seated by the road... I am there with him... perhaps I take his place, and, now, I am seated there, like him, waiting...

He seeks to come to Jesus out of his great need, and his hope that in Jesus he will find healing. But he is helpless to approach the Lord... I sense my own need, my own hope, my own helplessness.

I watch as he pours out his need and his hope in the repeated cry: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” His cry becomes the cry too of my heart: “Jesus... have mercy on me!” I make this prayer to the Lord...

Jesus hears this cry. He stops. He says to the crowd: “Call him.” I hear them say to me: “Take heart; rise, he is calling you.” I feel my heart begin to lift with new hope...

I stand before Jesus. Our eyes meet... I see his face, I hear his words, his question to my heart: “What do you want me to do for you?” Now Jesus and I are alone in the midst of the crowd. And I speak to him from my heart,

unhurriedly. I dare to tell him all that I hope he will do for me... all that I hope for from this time of prayer...

I say to him: “Master, let me receive my sight.” Help me to see! Help me see my way clearly in the doubts and fears that my heart feels; help me to overcome the obstacle that keeps me from the closeness I desire with you...

And, with Bartimaeus, I experience Jesus’ word of healing... I sense the love that pours out from him and brings healing, brings new hope into my life...

I follow him along the way...

After the Prayer

- *What word in this Scripture most spoke to my heart?*
- *What touched my heart in this time of prayer? What did my heart feel as I prayed?*
- *What did I sense the Lord saying to me?*

