

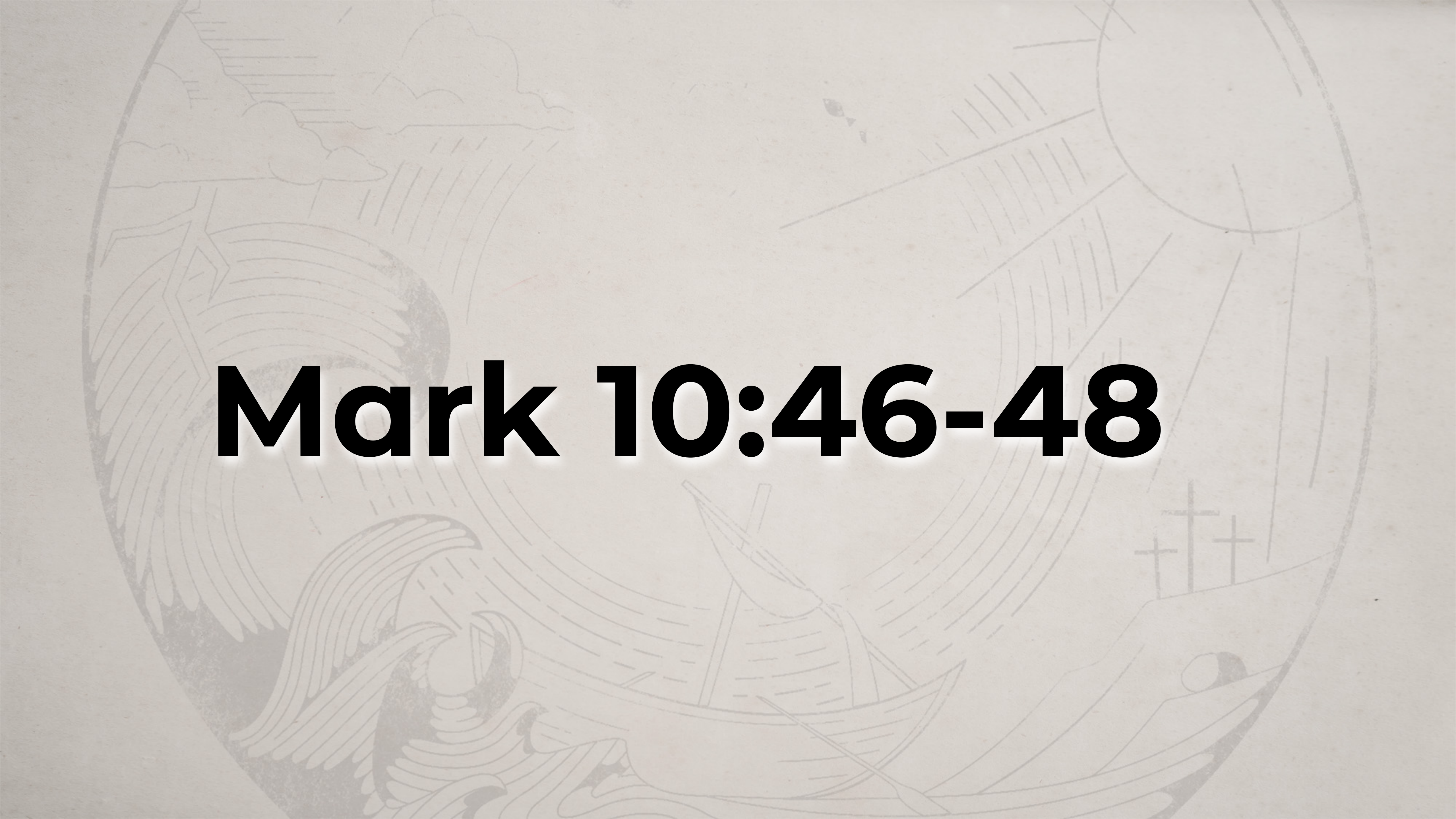


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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

Intro: Broken Beyond Repair



A faint, circular background illustration depicting a dramatic scene. In the foreground, a large, dark, swirling wave or storm cloud dominates the left side. To the right, a ship is visible, partially obscured by the wave, with three crosses on its mast. The background shows a sky with clouds and a rainbow arching across the upper portion. The entire scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style.

Mark 10:46-48

I. Sitting on the sideline (46-48)

Jericho... site of Herod's Winter Palace... Luke's story of Zacchaeus... and now Mark's story of Blind Bartimaeus.

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Why is a large crowd leaving
Jericho and heading to
Jerusalem? It's time for
PASSOVER!

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It's unusual that Mark gives us the NAME of the beggar... Peter hardly remembers ANYBODY's name!

I. Sitting on the sideline (46-48)

Bartimaeus begins the story
SITTING on the side of the road...
he is marginalized by a society
that has no room for a blind
beggar.

I. Sitting on the sideline (46-48)

Do I ACT on what I know?

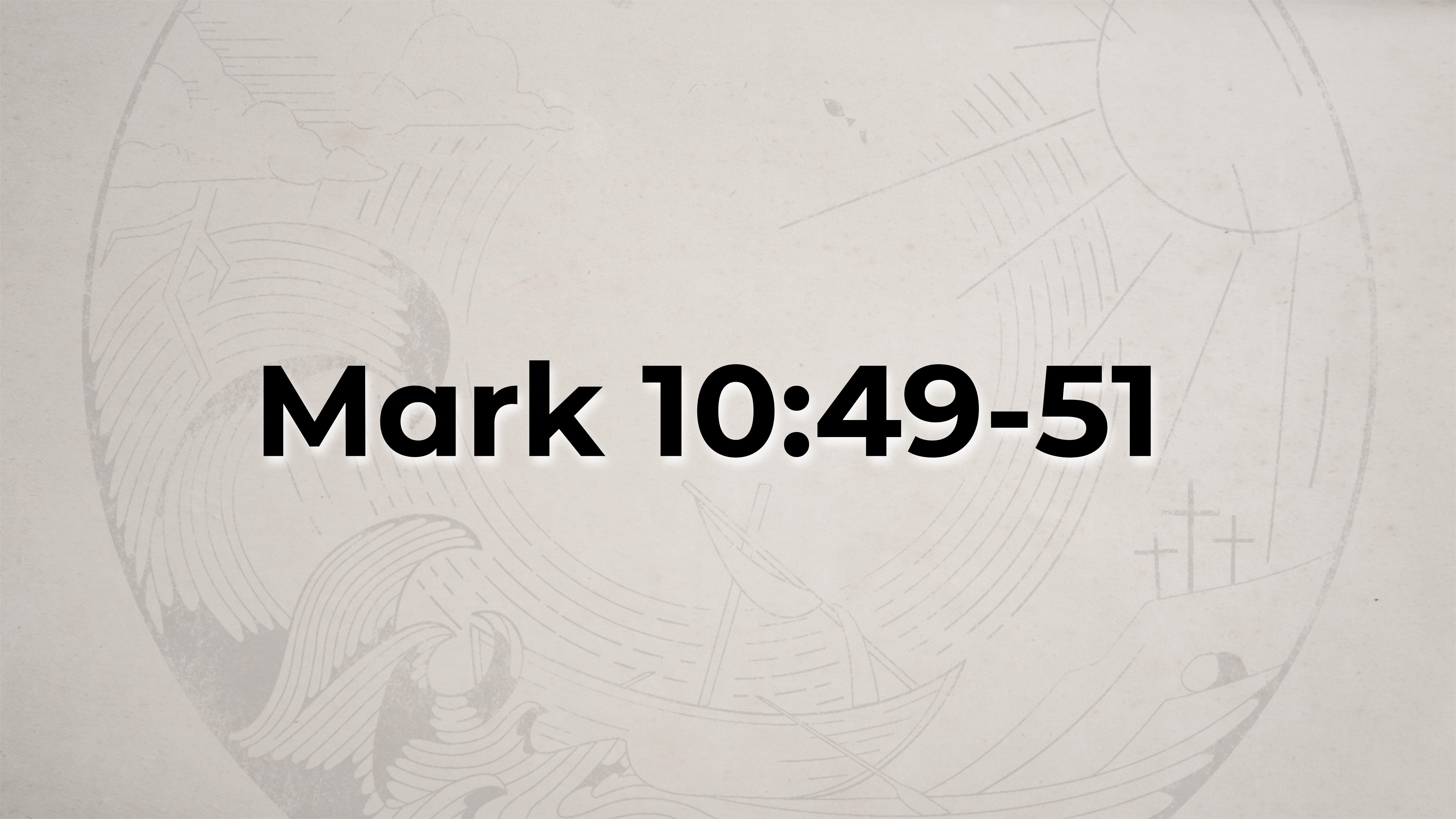
**Or do I let the moment pass me
by?**

I. Sitting on the sideline (46-48)

Bartimaeus is not shouting at random... he is shouting in **FAITH!** "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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When the crowd rebukes him,
Bartimaeus only shouts
LOUDER! This is "Holy
Desperation".

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Mark 10:49-51

II. Wanting to be Well (49-51)

Bartimaeus can't SEE that Jesus has stopped... but he can HEAR that the footsteps have stopped! God has time for those the world considers insignificant!

II. Wanting to be Well (49-51)

If there is one thing God always responds to, it is **FAITH!**

II. Wanting to be Well (49-51)

**The significance of "tossing aside"
his CLOAK.**

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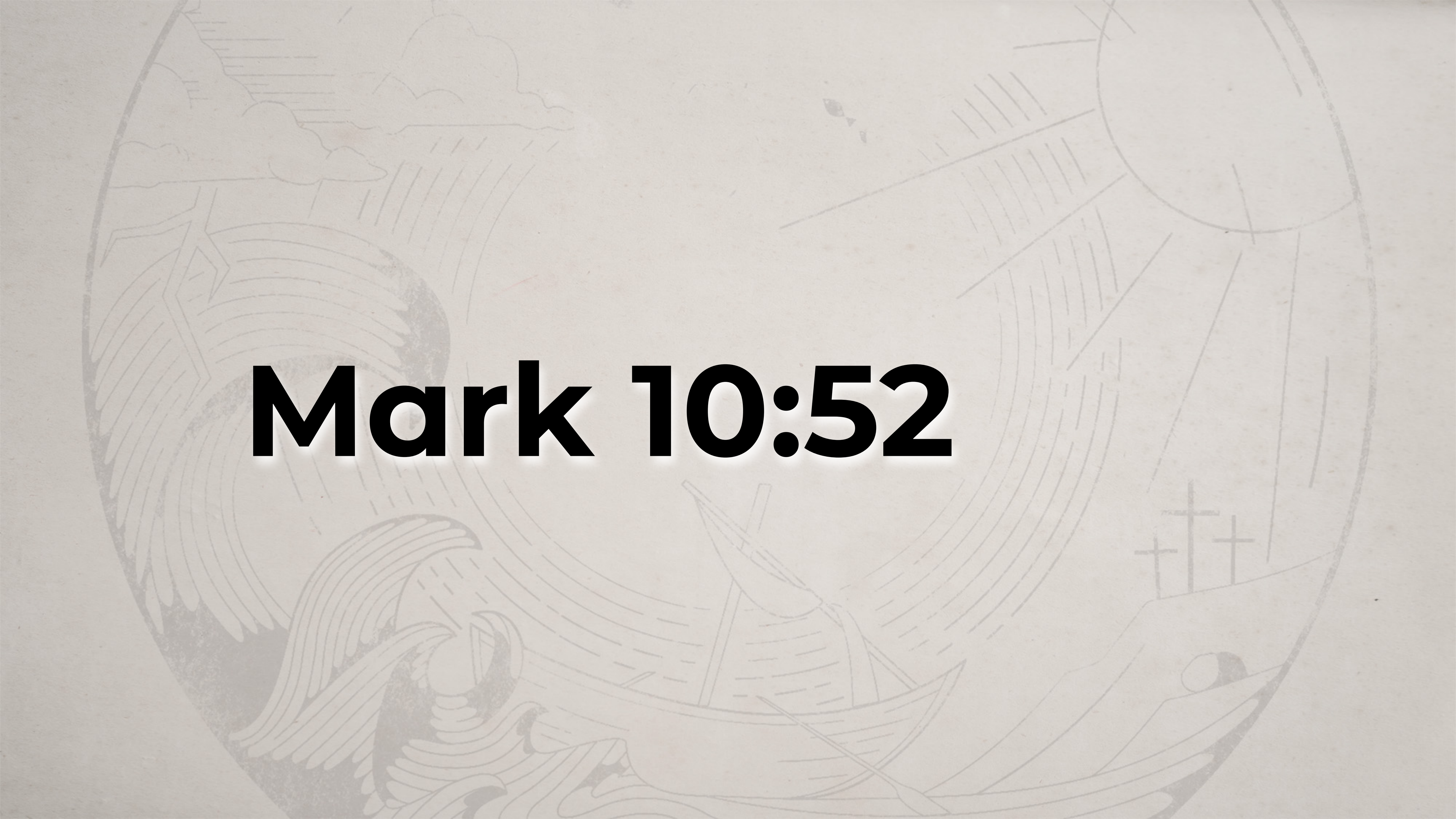
Bartimaeus trusts in Jesus MORE than he trusts in his own ability to "get by".

II. Wanting to be Well (49-51)

What do you want me to do for you?

II. Wanting to be Well (49-51)

**Rabboni... a term only used to
address GOD the FATHER in prayer!**

A faint, circular illustration in the background depicts a dramatic scene. In the foreground, a large, dark, swirling wave dominates the lower left. To the right, a ship is shown from a side-on perspective, with its hull and masts visible. The masts are topped with cross-like symbols. The sea is filled with concentric, wavy lines representing the storm. In the upper left, a rainbow arches over a distant, hilly shoreline under a cloudy sky. The entire scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style on a textured, off-white background.

Mark 10:52

III. Following in the Way (52)

Jesus tells Bartimaeus to "GO" now that he is healed... yet Bartimaeus STAYS and FOLLOWS.

III. Following in the Way (52)

Your faith has healed (sozo) you...
SOZO is the Greek word for SAVED!

III. Following in the Way (52)

Bartimaeus followed Jesus on/in
THE WAY.

III. Following in the Way (52)

Followers of Christ in the 1st Century
were known as followers of "THE
WAY."

III. Following in the Way (52)

If Bartimaeus became a Christian and part of the Early Church, this explains why Peter would know his NAME!

III. Following in the Way (52)

Bartimaeus began the story sitting alongside the road... Now he is ON THE ROAD, following Jesus IN THE WAY!

Broken beyond repair -> Redeemed beyond a doubt!

Conclusion: Redeemed Beyond a Doubt

Baseball was my "cloak"... the best thing I had in my life. But I was done with "the best I could do"... I needed what only JESUS could do!

Conclusion: Redeemed Beyond a Doubt

My testimony is that Jesus saw me, an insignificant person along the side of the road, and **HE STOPPED!** He responded to my faith and changed my life so I could **FOLLOW Him in THE WAY.**

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What about YOUR story? Can you hear Jesus asking, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Will you act on what you know?
Or will you let the moment pass you by?



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