

The Gospel of Mark – Bold Bartimaeus

Mark 10:46-52 – August 9, 2026

THE FUZE HAS BURNED DOWN TO THE LAST INCH, ONLY A FEW GRAINS OF SAND LEFT IN THE HOURGLASS OF JESUS' EARTHLY, PRE-CRUCIFIXION MINISTRY.

**WE ARE NOT IN GALILEE ANYMORE,
WE ARE NOT IN THE WILDERNESS
OR ALONE WITH JESUS ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION.
WE ARE NOT IN A SMALL FISHING VESSEL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.**

THIS IS THE MOST IMPACTED, DENSE, LIVELY PLACE WE HAVE SEEN YET.

**THE ANTICIPATION OF PASSEOVER
THE CROWD THROUGHOUT THE CITY
THE COMMOTION ALONGSIDE THE ROAD.**

Before we get to the triumphal entry into the city and week of Passover, this is the last journey Jesus will take this side of the cross. Through Jericho and up the side of the mount.

LIVING BREATHING EXAMPLE OF MERCY UNDER PRESSURE

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Jericho – recently refurbished by the Herodians, the City of Roses and the home of the winter palace. Now only 18 miles from Jerusalem (1/2 DAY'S JOURNEY)

Full of Levitical priests preparing themselves to make their way to Jerusalem for Passover... the crowd and traveling teachings. Some hating Jesus, others with a shout of Hosanna on the tip of their tongue.

The City of Roses was alive!!!

Enter Bartimaeus

Name: Jesus

Description: Son of David

Request: Have Mercy

Common Resistance – Uncommon Response – Specific Request

Sometimes you'll have to pick

Warned him: demand silence and remind him of his station in life (blind beggar)

Who am I that God would do something for me?

It's not who you are... it's who He is.

We let fear keep us from being moved by faith.

49% of adults surveyed said **fear of failure** was their biggest roadblock to achieving their goals or returning to goals they had abandoned.

Article put out by “SmartBrief”

A pole of business leaders, 89% said **self-limiting beliefs** held them back at least sometimes, and 1 in 4 often.

Enterprise research center

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor research, 47% of people who saw a good opportunity to start a business said **fear of failure** would prevent them from pursuing it. (2024/25)

“Nearly half of people who recognize a good opportunity will ultimately avoid pursuing it because they are afraid of failing.”

“Sometimes the greatest thing standing between us and what God wants us to do isn't a lack of opportunity—it's intimidation.”

people with good intentions give you bad direction.

You **MUST** discern advice. (Waffle House Directions @ Fort More)

Is it driving you toward the Lord?

Is it driving you away from the Lord?

Is it causing you to stand there and watch the miracle walk by?

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MERCY: When He could be done with you, should be done with you, but stops to help you.

ALL THE MORE... (vs. 48)

Intimidated silence vs. a cry, an awkward, out-of-place call;

Born from need, driven by faith, & asking for divine mercy

- Polite faith will watch miracles walk by
- Unashamed faith will watch miracles happen

Powerful faith vs. bold faith

We are not called to be powerful, we are called to be bold.

Cast off that outer garment (Familiar, soothing, comforting)

On His way to the cross, mid-stride, stops and has time for this blind beggar.

DON'T STOP!

I understand Paul's 3 requests and the Lord gave Him grace to keep humility.

I also understand Bartimaeus and his constant call AND JESUS' glorious response.

Seriously stop asking everyone what THEY think and ask God if HE will help!

The crowd can be so **FICKLE** (fair weather fan)

Do your friends know what team you are on? – I AM NOT ASHAMED!!!

1. Be of good cheer – smile!!!
2. RISE:
3. He is calling you

Throwing aside/Cast off his garment – dirty, worn, greasy cloak, but also...
(Familiar, soothing, comforting)

YOU HAVE TO GET UP!

HE CAME TO JESUS – The blind walk of faith (Did people help or he play Marco Polo (Jesus, Bartimaeus. Jesus, Bartimaeus. Jesus, Bartimaeus.)

Q: What do you want Me to do for you?

- Do you even know how you would answer?
- If God said yes to this last week's prayers, what would happen? Would anything happen?

Rabboni vs. Rabbi

Rabbi: Great respect for a teacher, leader, master influencer.

Rabboni: Personal reverence or closeness, MY teacher, my master, my shepherd.

There wouldn't be a next time... now or never.

The grace of God falls upon those who call out for it.

YOU HAVE NOT BECAUSE YOU ASK NOT!

Mortality must put on immortality, corruption must put on incorruption, in Christ alone is the transforming power. *His mercy that stopped Him mid-stride to heal one outcast beggar.* If He did that for Bartimaeus, **what would He do for you?**
ASK!

AND WENT WITH HIM...

AND HE DID IT WHILE ON HIS WAY TO THE CROSS.

WHY NOT RUN TO JESUS LIKE THE WOMAN WHO GRABBED HIS ROBE?

HE COULDN'T SEE, SO HE DID WHAT HE COULD

Sometimes you'll be blind in life

Call out to the Lord, even when you can't see exactly where He is.

Hebrews 10:35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

ROMANS 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.