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(Luke 18:35-43)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2022 focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. In Luke 18, a courageous blind man passionately pursues Jesus:

I. His blindness (18:35)

II. His belief (18:38)

III. His boldness (18:39)

A. Expect criticism (I Samuel 17:28) B. Examine criticism (Acts 6:1-7; 15) C. Endure criticism (I Corinthians 4:3) D. Ease beyond it (I Samuel 17:30)

IV. His blessing (18:42-32)

CONCLUSION

Jesus changed this man’s life in many ways, and He wants to make the same changes in each of our lives today:

1. A change of focus: from darkness to light; that’s conversion (2 Cor. 5:17)
2. A change of direction: from sitting to following; that’s discipleship (I Peter 1:21)

3. A change of purpose: from begging to praising; that's worship (Luke 18:43)
4. A change of practice: from receiving to giving; that's maturity (2 Peter 1:5-9)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:18). Jesus passed through Jericho only a few times. This was His final visit; the blind man's last chance. Don't wait too long.

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Psalm 74:26, God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Read today's Bible text, Luke 18:35-43. What does this tell you about JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke? Describe the blind man in your own words.

1. What did the crowd insist the blind man do, in Luke 18:39?
 - A. Why might the crowd have told him to do this?
 - B. How might people play similar roles in our lives today?
 - C. Who comes to mind in your own life today?
2. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

TF Since others came, the blind man came, also.

TF Jesus passed through Jericho only a few times.

TF Jesus never passed by Jericho again.

TF The blind man worried what people might think.

TF Jesus has a heart for the broken, the needy and the misfit.

TF The blind man put his faith in Jesus.

TF The blind man stopped sitting and started following Jesus.

TF The critics hurt the blind man's feelings.

TF The blind man was changed from begging to praising.

TF Jesus wants to continually change my life, too.

3. Does your life need a change of direction, from sitting to following? How so?
4. Does your life need a change of focus, from darkness to light? Is Jesus powerful enough to make this change in you? Explain why, or why not.
5. The blind man was criticized for doing what he felt he needed to do. How did he respond? What would you have done? If you're criticized for doing what is right, would you quit doing what is right? Why, or why not? Has this happened to you? When? Why? Did you handle it in a way that honored Christ?
6. Ken surfaced four ways Jesus changed the blind man in Luke 18:35-43. Which of these changes has Jesus made in you? Which changes are still in process now?
Which change is needed most in your life at this moment? How so? Thankfully, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 3:18)! Will you ask Him to make the needed changes in you today?
7. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about

your neighbors,
your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends,
and people in your
circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your
prayers, your
church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them
through you?

8. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: