

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

People who are desperate for God display great faith in God.

Mark 10:46-52 – Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!” And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Great faith:

1. See yourself the way Jesus does.

- **Ephesians 2:10a** – For we are God’s masterpiece.
- **Romans 5:8** – But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

2. Stay focused on the mission.

- **Proverbs 4:25** – Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.
- **1 Corinthians 7:35b** – I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

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3. Surrender your comforts.

- **Hebrews 12:1** – ... Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up ...
- **Habakkuk 2:18** – What good is an idol carved by man, or a cast image that deceives you? How foolish to trust in your own creation—a god that can't even talk!

4. Follow Jesus even when it's difficult.

- **2 Timothy 2:3, 11-12a** – Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with him.

Coming soon:

1. **DRC 101:** If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Dan River Church, don't miss DRC 101 on Sunday, January 25, during the 9:15 am service. Sign up today at the Connect Center or at danriverchurch.org/membership.
2. **Women's Winter Wonderland:** Join us as we celebrate winter with soups and desserts galore, fun, and a special message. Scan the QR code to register today. Invite all the women in your life. Childcare is available.
3. **ALTER'd Young Adult Conference:** If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, don't miss our first ever citywide young adult conference on Saturday, January 31. The cost is \$10. Scan the QR code to register today.
4. **Missions 2026:** If you're interested in learning more about our mission trips this year, be sure to attend our meeting on Sunday, February 1. Trips this year include Montreal, New York City, and El Salvador.
5. **The Gospel-Shaped Marriage:** As Christians, the reality of the Gospel ought to impact every fiber of our being, including our marriages. Whether you are thinking about getting married one day or have been married for decades, join us starting Wednesday, February 4, at 6:15 pm.