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## WHAT THE BLIND MAN SAW

“As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. Now hearing a crowd going by, he began to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ And he said, ‘Lord, I want to regain my sight!’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God,” Luke 18:35-43.

Even though I’ve never been blessed with 20/20 vision, I am extremely thankful that I’ve never had to struggle with complete blindness. Yet, every time I read of this man’s amazing faith, I’m reminded how often I struggle to see what he saw so clearly even while still blind. With the opportunity to seize upon his faith and plead for Jesus to give him his sight, the blind beggar on the road was able to see perfectly what so many who can see clearly fail to see by faith.

### 1. He Saw His Worth

Even when the crowd surrounding Jesus told the blind beggar to stop shouting out for Him, he refuses to keep quiet. On their way to Jerusalem to see what the Messianic King will do upon arriving at the temple, it seems there is no time for some insignificant beggar to waste the precious time of the

Christ. As he shouts out for Jesus to notice him and take pity on him, everyone around him tries to convince him he's not worth Jesus' time and he just needs to shut up and be content to keep begging. But he absolutely refuses to accept this. I am fascinated by this as many times I allow myself to become convinced that my problems aren't big enough to demand the attention of Jesus. Maybe I ought to just be quiet and learn to be content to struggle with the pain and the difficulty. The blind beggar refused to let the crowd convince him he wasn't important enough to stop Jesus on the road. Let us remember how truly precious we are to the Lord and that no issue we are struggling with is too insignificant or petty to stop the Lord to listen to it. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you," 1 Pet. 5:6-7. "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened," Lk. 11:9-10.

## 2. He Saw Jesus' Power

Not only did he see his true value and worth fully believing Jesus would stop and listen to

his cries for mercy, but the blind beggar truly saw the Heavenly power of which He possessed. "He questioned him, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' And he said, 'Lord, I want to regain my sight!'" Lk. 18:41. There is no doubt or question as to whether or not Jesus is capable of fulfilling his request. This is why he was so determined to get Jesus' attention. He can't let this moment slip through his fingers when he has absolute confidence of what he truly believes Jesus can do for him. Too many times, even when I have the fortitude to seek the Lord's attention, I continue to struggle with absolute confidence that there is no doubt He is able to fulfill my request. "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen," Ephesians 3:20-21.

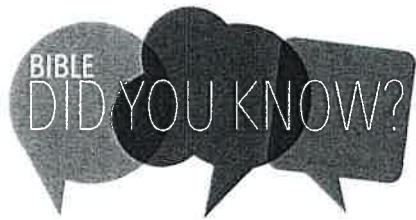
## 3. He Saw The Value Of Following Jesus

What truly fascinates me about the blind beggar is what happens immediately after he regains his sight. Blindness is essentially the reason he has been left to begging so survive. That's not much of a life. I'm sure there must have been

thoughts of what kind of better life he could have if only he were able to see. What would he be able to achieve if he weren't left in the dark? His moment comes, and finally the lights come on, his life is instantly brought into a more prosperous condition and he can go anywhere his eyes lead him to go. Instead of looking for a better life, he truly believes he has already found it looking at the One who changed everything for him. Instead of seeking a more comfortable living, a better job, a better life, he realizes nothing could ever come close to a life of following Jesus. "Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God," Lk. 18:43. How many times have we caught ourselves daydreaming about what life would be like if certain things were better, if we lived in a better place, if we had better options and better comforts? And all the while in the middle of the daydream, the best thing we could ever have is still right there for us to glorify God and give thanks for...Jesus our savior. The blind beggar has no interest in seeking money or comfort or pleasure. He has found the greatest treasure he could ever hope for, a compassionate powerful savior,

and he is content to remain in poverty. "But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content," 1 Tim. 6:6-8.

- Daniel Ruegg



***The angel of the LORD comes to rescue those who fear Him. "I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them."***

***Psalm 34:4-7***

# BIBLE TRIVIA

## C H A L L E N G E

**DIRECTIONS:** After searching through your Bible, circle which answer is correct.

**1. Jesus said to beseech the Lord of harvest to send out \_\_\_\_ into His harvest.**

- a) Dinner
- b) Laborers
- c) Horses
- d) Rewards

**2. Jesus said, "I was watching \_\_\_\_ fall from heaven like lightning."**

- a) Monkeys
- b) Women
- c) Money
- d) Satan

**3. The one who showed \_\_\_\_ proved to be a neighbor to the man left for dead.**

- a) Mercy
- b) Strength
- c) Truth
- d) Justice

**4. She was worried and bothered about so many things when one thing was necessary.**

- a) Elizabeth
- b) Chloe
- c) Mary
- d) Martha

**5. The heavenly Father will gladly give this to those who ask Him.**

- a) Holy Spirit
- b) Food
- c) Beauty
- d) Intelligence

**6. Jesus said, "Give that which is within as \_\_\_\_, and then all things are clean for you."**

- a) Hunger
- b) Beauty
- c) Reward
- d) Charity

**7. "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is \_\_\_\_."**

- a) Bread
- b) Pop-Tarts
- c) Hypocrisy
- d) Moldy

**8. One who stores up treasure and is not rich toward God is a \_\_\_\_.**

- a) Genius
- b) Fool
- c) Planner
- d) Stallion

**9. "Unless you \_\_\_\_, you will all likewise perish."**

- a) Survive
- b) Breakdance
- c) Repent
- d) Eat

**10. That which is highly esteemed among men is \_\_\_\_ in the sight of God.**

- a) Holy
- b) Precious
- c) Elevated
- d) Detestable

6) D, Reference: Lk. 11:41

5) A, Reference: Lk. 11:13

4) D, Reference: Lk. 10:41-42

3) A, Reference: Lk. 10:36-37

2) D, Reference: Lk. 10:18

1) B, Reference: Lk. 10:2

7) C, Lk. 12:1

8) B, Lk. 12:20-21

9) C, Lk. 13:3

10) D, Lk. 16:15