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Bartimaeus Calls to Jesus

Mark 10:46-52



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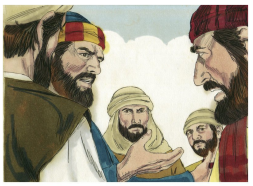
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A Voice Beside the Road

Mark 10:46-52



Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd. Beside the road sat Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus. He was blind and asked people passing by for help. He could hear the movement of the crowd, and when he learned that Jesus of Nazareth was passing, he began to call out. He addressed Jesus as the Son of David and asked for mercy.

Many people scolded Bartimaeus and told him to be quiet. Their response could have ended his chance to be heard, but he called even more loudly. The crowd had its own movement and noise, yet one person's need remained important. Mark tells us what Bartimaeus did rather than guessing at his thoughts: he kept calling to Jesus in spite of the people who wanted him silent.

Jesus stopped. He asked the people to call Bartimaeus over. Suddenly their message changed. They encouraged him to take heart and get up because Jesus was calling him. The man they had tried to silence was now being invited closer. Bartimaeus threw his cloak aside, sprang up, and came to Jesus. The journey paused so that this person beside the road could receive attention.

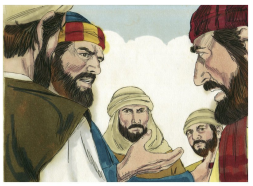
Jesus did not let the crowd decide what Bartimaeus should ask for. He asked the man directly what he wanted him to do. Bartimaeus answered that he wanted to see again. The question allowed him to speak for himself. His blindness did not remove his voice, his understanding, or his place as a person who could name his own need when Jesus listened to him. Jesus' attention moved from the whole procession to the person who was calling.

Remember: Every person deserves to be heard with care.

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A Person Heard and Welcomed

Mark 10:46-52



Jesus told Bartimaeus to go, saying that his faith had made him well. Immediately he received his sight. Mark does not describe a treatment, a long wait, or a conversation with the crowd afterward. He tells us the change happened at once. The man who had called for mercy now received the particular help he had asked Jesus to give him beside the road.

Bartimaeus then followed Jesus along the way. At the beginning of the scene he was sitting beside the road while the crowd passed. At the end he was traveling after Jesus. These are the actions Mark chooses to leave with us. We are not told how long he followed or what happened in the rest of his life, so those later details remain outside the story.

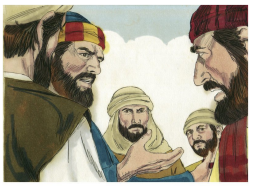
The healing is central, and so is the way Jesus treated the man. Before his sight changed, Bartimaeus was already worth stopping for. Jesus asked a question and listened to his answer. His dignity did not begin with being able to see. The impatient crowd had treated his voice as a nuisance; Jesus treated it as the voice of someone who deserved to be heard.

This account helps us notice both a remarkable miracle and an ordinary action anyone can understand: stopping to listen. Jesus was surrounded by people, yet the number of people did not make one person unimportant. Bartimaeus called, Jesus stopped, and a conversation became possible. In that meeting, the man beside the road was neither a problem to move past nor a voice to push aside. The welcome was personal, and its importance reached beyond the impatient reaction of the crowd.

Pause and think: What can you do to help someone speak for themselves when a group is moving too quickly?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Listening Leaves Room for Another Voice



Sometimes a group becomes so busy that one person's words are missed. You might notice a quieter classmate, someone who communicates differently, or a friend who keeps being interrupted. Making space can be as simple as pausing, asking the group to listen, or letting the person finish. You do not have to speak in their place to show that their voice matters.

Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted. That is a helpful pattern when offering assistance. A person with a disability may want help with one task and prefer to do another independently. Ask respectfully, listen to the answer, and accept it. You can care without assuming that you already know everything about another person's needs or abilities from what you can see.

This healing does not mean that people who remain blind have done something wrong or failed to trust enough. Every person deserves respect and belonging. When you read the story, notice Jesus' attention before the miracle as well as the change afterward. The man was important while sitting beside the road, important while asking, and important while following Jesus.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus stopped and listened to a man the crowd had tried to silence.

What can you do to help someone speak for themselves when a group is moving too quickly?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did the crowd first tell Bartimaeus?

_____

2. What did Jesus ask him?

_____

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Bartimaeus receives his sight and follows Jesus.
- ☐ Jesus stops and listens to his request.
- ☐ Bartimaeus calls to Jesus despite being told to be quiet.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Jesus stopping beside the road to listen to Bartimaeus.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Every person deserves to be heard with care.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Mark 10:49-51

A thoughtful conversation

Blindness does not lessen a person's worth and is not evidence of sin or weak faith. Jesus asks what Bartimaeus wants; model respectful listening rather than assuming what a disabled person needs.

Activity answers

1. They told him to be quiet.
2. What he wanted Jesus to do for him.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us listen to people and include those who are overlooked. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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