

Title: At the Cross-Roads

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Target: The intersection of breakthrough is when desperation collides with deliverance.

- I. **Reputation of Rejection:** *“And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.”* (Vs. 46)
 - A. **Defined by Disability:** *“blind beggar”*
 - B. **Recognized by Relationship:** *“son of Timaeus”*

- II. **Plea of Persistence:** *“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 47)
 - A. **Statement of Faith:** *“Jesus. Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 47)
 - B. **Seen as Frustrating:** *“And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.”* (Vs.48a)
 - C. **Shout of Faithfulness:** *“but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 48b)

- III. **Invitation of Intercession:** *“And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.”* (Vs. 49)
 - A. **Stopping Jesus:** *“Jesus stopped”* (Vs.49a)
 - B. **Savage Jesus:** *“they called the blind man”* (Vs.49b)

- IV. **Sincerity of Surrender:** *“And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.”* (Vs. 50)
 - A. **A Direct Question:** *“And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”* (Vs.51a)
 - B. **A Distinct Confession:** *“And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”* (Vs.51b)

- V. **Testimony of Transformation:** *“And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately, he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”* (Vs. 52)
 - A. **Holy Healing:** *“your faith has made you well.”*
 - B. **Eternal Eyesight:** *“immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”*

Takeaway: If you got what you wanted from Jesus, would Jesus get what He wanted from you?!

Sermon Discussion Questions: This week, I want us to look at the target statement and the takeaway statement carefully. The target reminds me of my own salvation (the moment I became a follower of Jesus). You see, I didn't need a savior until I realized I needed a savior. It wasn't until I came to a point of desperation that I fell to my knees and surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus. Now, the takeaway statement speaks to everyday since. Jesus asks that we surrender more of ourselves to Him each day. That's what He wants. He not only wants to be our Savior, but He desires to be Lord. Just like Bartimaeus, when he was healed, he immediately followed Jesus.

Jesus wants to give you the breakthrough you so desperately want, but in your quiet times, ask Him what He wants from you?

1 week left of our prayer and fast, you can do this!!

Share with the group any ways that you have already begun to see or experience breakthrough either in your life or others. Also, share what it has been like to deny yourself for the sake of replacing that want/desire with intimate time with God. Is it getting easier? Would you consider continuing this spiritual discipline/practice of fasting after our corporate fast?

You are a blessing to us and we rejoice with you as you experience the fullness of God through these 21 days!