

# Roadside Assistance

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*Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.*

Mark 10:46

*When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet.*

Mark 10:47-48

When broken & desperate people are no longer welcomed, you no longer have Jesus you have religion.

*But he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”*

Mark 10:48-49

If you're at a desperate place in life...

- Jesus notices.
- Jesus cares.
- Jesus is moved to do something.

If you're at a thriving place in life...

- Jesus wants you to notice those around you who might not be.
- Jesus wants you to care.
- Jesus wants you to do something.

*So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.*

Mark 10:49-51

Two questions:

- What's hindering you from coming to Jesus today?
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- What do you want Jesus to do for you?
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*The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

Mark 10:51-52

Transformation happens in our lives as we see Jesus, respond to Jesus, & then follow Jesus.

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## Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- Read Mark 10:46-52. Who do you identify with the most in this story...Bartimaeus, the crowds, or Jesus? Explain.
- If you're at a desperate place in life, what do you need to know about Jesus from this story?
- If you're at a thriving place in life, how can you show compassion to someone in need?
- How did you answer the two questions in the sermon notes?
- How can we pray for you today?