

Introduction

Last week we looked at the eyes of our heart being enlightened, that we have a spiritual awakening and that we live out of the revelation of the deposit that is inside of us and not living in the sense realm.

This week we want to have a look at a man with no natural eyes but still called out to Jesus.

Mark 10:46-52 (New International Version, ©2010)

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

We need to come to a revelation that the kingdom is within us.

How can a blind man see when most people with perfectly good sight can't see?

Because the eyes of his heart were enlightened and stirred, he wasn't looking through natural eyes.

We need to have the eyes of our heart enlightened, seeing the facts but living in the promise like Abraham did. Facts say you can't, the promise says its already done.

If a blind man can see Jesus, and can call on his name, how much more us, with the living word in front of us, we should be able to see Jesus and call on Him to meet all our needs.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:18 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Fix means:

Look at, take aim at, consider, take heed.

To gaze with wide open eyes at something remarkable.

This is exactly what the blind man did, he took aim at Jesus, and did not consider his handicap.

Discussion Point

How often are you put off by what you see?

Do you see healing or sickness?

Do you see debt or supply?

Do you see opportunities?

Let's have a look at this blind man.

1. No natural eyes

- He would have been ripped off and ridiculed
- He had a major handicap
- He relied on others for his support

But something was stirring on the inside, there was an awakening inside of him that he could see Jesus. Not with natural eyes, but he called out from inside.

We let so many opportunities pass us by because we look with natural eyes and not from the spirit. Jesus said all things are possible for those who believe.

(It's amazing how often we say this quotation "you wouldn't believe what happened")

For this man to see Jesus

- He had to hear – faith comes by hearing

Once he'd heard, he began to shout, he was calling out on the name of Jesus. He wasn't calling because he had seen it happen before, he wasn't calling because someone told him to, this was not an emotional call, this was a call of desperation'

Each time we step out to do things of the supernatural or even witnessing a fight begins between our natural man and our spiritual man.

We see in vs 48 that many rebuked him and told him to be quiet.

How many times have you heard the voice that says:

- You've blown it,
- You don't know enough,
- This is only for Ministers,
- Your characters not right?

Many of us give over to those natural voices of the enemy to the spirit.

But Bartimeaus never listened to the natural voices he called out and shouted even more, which would have annoyed the crowd even more. What right has this handicapped man to call out on the name of Jesus.

This is where we need to come from because the greater one lives on the inside of us.

Once Jesus heard him, he called him, by his persistence he turned the crowd and they called him to Jesus.

Your breakthrough is just one shout away.

By our persistence and not looking at the natural and giving up, we can change all situations

Do you ever give over to that voice that says this is too hard?

Or do you push in, and break through the barrier and get a release?

Vs 50 says “throwing off his cloak” which was his security. Many times we have secure things which hinder us moving in the things Jesus wants us to move in.

Point of discussion

What is your major security – apart from God?

- Is it finances?
- Is it family?
- Is it position?

Or

- Is it fear?

Many people are secure in their fear.

Vs 51 Jesus asks what do you want me to do for you, Jesus knew this man was blind, Jesus knows our needs, but he wants us to be specific in naming them.

The Bible says you have not because you ask not. Notice it says here the blind man says “I want to see”.

What is your need today?

Name it, and ask him, and it will come to pass.

Our biggest hindrance in revelation is not Jesus, it is not the Father, not the Holy Spirit, but it's us. We walk around with blinded eyes and a beggars cloak on, when all he wants us to do is call on him. When all he wants us to do is close our natural eyes and call from deep inside, from the wells of salvation.

Exercise

Take time to close your eyes, be still and know that He is God.