

In Need of Mercy and Faith as we Pray

Mark 10:46-52

- I. Our Need for Mercy – Blind Bartimaeus asks for healing (Mark 10:46-48).
- *Son of David* – Bartimaeus knew Jesus was the Messiah. What view of God do our prayers reveal?
 - *He began to shout* – Desperate need prompts desperate and bold prayer. Are we honest with God in prayer?
 - *Have mercy on me* – Do we see ourselves as deserving God’s help? Is confession part of our attitude of prayer?
- II. Our Need for Faith – Jesus hears and heals Bartimaeus (Mark 10:49-52a).
- *Your faith has healed you* – What is the role of human faith in prayer?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. My Faith in the <u>Plan of God</u> – Do I trust God’s plan about what I am asking – His will be done?2. My <u>Faith</u> in the <u>Power of God</u> – Do I trust that God’s power is the only way my prayer can be answered?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Faith” is not something I can take credit for, but it is me giving control to God and then credit to God when He answers. |
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- *Immediately he received his sight* – Do we pray expecting true miracles or do we ask God minimally for “just a boost?”
- III. The Changed Life – Bartimaeus Followed Jesus (Mark 10:52b).
- *Followed Jesus* – Does our spiritual commitment reflect real gratitude for God’s blessings and answers to prayer?