

"Jesus is Calling"
Mark 10: 46 - 52
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*In his brilliant new book, *Catching the Light*, quantum physicist Arthur Zajonc writes of what he describes as the "entwined history of light and mind"*

...we know there are critical developmental "windows" in the first years of life. Sensory and motor skills are formed, and if this early opportunity is lost, trying to play catch up is hugely frustrating and mostly unsuccessful.

Prof. Zajonc writes of studies which investigated recovery from congenital blindness. Thanks to cornea transplants, people who had been blind from birth would suddenly have functional use of their eyes. Nevertheless, success was rare... Light and eyes were not enough to grant the patient sight. "The light of day beckoned, but no light of mind replied within the boy's anxious, open eyes."

Zajonc quotes from a study by a Dr. Moreau who observed that while surgery gave the patient the "power to see," "the employment of this power, ... To give back sight to a congenitally blind person is more the work of an educator than of a surgeon." To which Zajonc adds, "The sober truth remains that vision requires far more than a functioning physical organ. Without an inner light, without a formative visual imagination, we are blind,"

1. All of us are blind and in desperate need of help. *We are not owed anything; it is only God's good pleasure.*

- The good news of Jesus meets us all right where we are

... Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 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!"

- Faith drives us to seek Jesus while He is near.

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:14-17; ESV)

Let not conscience make you linger, Not of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him.

2. The Lord Jesus is the ONLY source of real healing that we must embrace. **3 marks of embracing Jesus.**

- It is a glorious thing to be called into the presence of the King.

And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."

- *We have lost the wonder of Jesus calling.*
- *Though it may appear that Jesus responded to Bart's cry – he only cried because Jesus was there.*

- We must not be held back by anything when called.

And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

- Jesus graciously receives our request even though He knows what our real need is.

And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."

- *Recovering the fellowship with God that Adam had at first.*

Do you have the marks of embracing the Lord Jesus?

3. But, real healing is more than our physical condition.

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.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6; ESV)

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