

## SALVATION STORY: BARTIMAEUS

*Luke 18:35-43*

Verse 42: “Your faith has made you well” = “Your faith has \_\_\_\_\_ you”—common translation of this word in NT  
Jesus was on his final pilgrimage to \_\_\_\_\_ for Passover; his popularity caused the crowds to throng Him  
A \_\_\_\_\_ man sat begging at the gate of Jericho with other beggars; Mark tells us his name was Bartimaeus

### I. BARTIMAEUS WAS BLIND, BUT HE WAS NOT \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Bartimaeus had 2 great disadvantages: 1) he was blind and therefore 2) he could not \_\_\_\_\_
- B. But while Bartimaeus was disadvantaged, he was not disabled: he had 2 great spiritual abilities:
  - 1) He possessed \_\_\_\_\_ but not the pop psychology version rooted in Buddhist meditation
    - a) He paid \_\_\_\_\_ to the news he heard as well as the reading of Scripture in the synagogue
    - b) He thought about what he heard; he \_\_\_\_\_ in the Biblical sense—he connected the dots, connected what he heard about Jesus from those who passed by with what the Bible had to say
    - c) While the crowd called Him “Jesus of Nazareth” Bartimaeus cried out to “Jesus, Son of \_\_\_\_\_”
    - d) When Peter called Jesus Messiah, Jesus replied that \_\_\_\_\_ had revealed it to him, so ultimately we must attribute Bartimaeus’ confession of Jesus as Messiah to the prior work of God in his soul
  - 2) He possessed the ability to \_\_\_\_\_: “blessed are the beggars in spirit for theirs is the kingdom”  
Luke emphasized this truth by deliberately juxtaposing the story of the \_\_\_\_\_

### II. BARTIMAEUS CRIED TO JESUS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND JESUS RESPONDED

- A. Bartimaeus Gave Voice to His \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) He assented to the true identity of Jesus, but he also reached out in \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus
  - 2) In verse 42 Jesus Himself tells us point-blank that he responded to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Bartimaeus
- B. Bartimaeus Refused to Be \_\_\_\_\_ when He Cried to Jesus for Mercy
  - 1) The crowd told Bartimaeus to \_\_\_\_\_ up! Jesus was too busy/important for the likes of him
  - 2) To find mercy from Jesus, we may need grit to deal with the opposition of \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Everything and Responded to Bartimaeus’ Cries
  - 1) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ today: He would hush the hallelujahs of heaven to respond to one cry for mercy
  - 2) When Jesus asked what he wanted, Bartimaeus answered with \_\_\_\_\_ word in the original: To see
  - 3) Jesus responded to Bartimaeus’ request with the same one word: Then \_\_\_\_\_ !
- D. Jesus Gave to Bartimaeus \_\_\_\_\_ than He Asked
  - 1) V. 43 indicates that Jesus restored Bartimaeus’ sight; v. 42 teaches that Jesus also \_\_\_\_\_ him
  - 2) God at times permits disease/suffering in order to cause men to turn from themselves to \_\_\_\_\_

### III. BARTIMAEUS FOLLOWED JESUS AND GAVE GOD GLORY

- A. Bartimaeus Followed Jesus: this word can be a technical term for following Jesus as His \_\_\_\_\_  
Becoming Jesus’ disciple—learning of Him, obeying Him—is natural \_\_\_\_\_ of being saved by faith
- B. Bartimaeus Glorified God for Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_ is another consequence of being saved by Jesus’ mercy
  - 1) Bartimaeus’ testimony was the \_\_\_\_\_ that caused the crowd of pilgrims to burst into praise
  - 2) Praise is \_\_\_\_\_: when we worship corporately we each add fuel to the bonfire of glory to God