

The Lord Hears Your Cry for Help

♦ **Psalms 18:6** - In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

♦ Psalms 34:15 - The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Lessons From Bartimaeus

- 1. Seek/Find
- 2. Believe
- 3. Persistence/Never Give Up

Seek/Find

♦ Mark 10:46 - And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

♦ Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Believe

- Mark 10:47 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!"
- Matthew 7:8(a) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds,

Blindness of the Pharisees

♦ John 9:39-41 - Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

Persistence

- Mark 10:48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."
- Matthew 7:8(b) and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Jesus Heals/Provides

- Mark 10:50-52 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. (NKJV)
- Matthew 7:9-11 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Lord Knows What You Need

- Psalm 38:9 O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.
- Matthew 6:8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

WILL YOUR FAITH SEE YOU THROUGH YOUR MOST DIFFICULT TIMESS IN LIFE?

- James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

He Glorified God

♦ Luke 18:43 - And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Cry Out to the Lord

- 1. Ask Find Jesus Cry Out
- 2. Seek Believe Jesus is the Solution
- 3. Knock Be Persistent Never Give Up