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Eagerness to be Cleared

Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

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. 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!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 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." 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.

Something that strikes me as absolutely remarkable about blind Bartimaeus is just how eager he was to be cleared of his blindness. Now, we know from the reading of this passage of Scripture that this eagerness began when he heard that Jesus was about to pass by. Another remarkable feature of this Scripture is how there were many there at the time and also how they rebuked Bartimaeus as he was crying out saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me?" Even still he cried out all the more. He cried out so much more that it grabbed the Master's attention. Praise God for his eagerness to be cleared!

I tell you the truth, it is hard to keep crying out to God when those around you are trying to silence you. Nevertheless, Bartimaeus kept his voice raised. Another facet of this is that as this man was blind he could not see enough to know exactly where Jesus was, for he only heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth. Yet he still cried in eagerness that if by chance his voice would be heard on high. Don't you know that our God always has ears to hear the cries of His people who lift up their voices in eagerness?

Well, Bartimaeus and his crying out paid off because Jesus stopped and told

those that were with Him, that is those that rebuked Bartimaeus at first and said, “*call him.*” Praise the Lord! It is amazing how a word from Jesus can change hearts. I say this in relation to those who were once rebuking Bartimaeus and how they are now being used by Jesus to go and bring Bartimaeus to Him. While the focus of this message is on Bartimaeus and his eagerness to be cleared of his blindness I also find how at the word of Jesus these once rebuking hearts can be changed and seated in a position to be used by the Lord to bring a blind man to Him for complete healing. Track with me here.

Sometimes it takes the whole body of Christ all utilizing their spiritual supernatural giftings to be able to hear from the Lord and follow through with His specific directions to help assist someone else in their healing. However, it also took an eagerness for the one blind to earnestly desire freedom from their malady. I tell you many in the body of Christ are blind and may be holding onto it aware and unawares. Nevertheless, this same eagerness to be cleared can and should be applied by us as the Lord’s redeemed. It is in this way that we show our complete dependence on the Lord for His full and perfect work of healing. In many cases, not necessarily all cases, the rest of the church, the body of Christ when operating in the fulness of God should be able also to discern the Master’s call through discernment and words of wisdom and knowledge to be equipped to assist those that are blind so as to lead them to the Master for their healing. There must be a mutual eagerness for holiness and completion in the fear of the Lord.

The beauty of this passage is that our Lord is not far from any of us at any given time and is also eager to clear us as we bring our spiritual blindness to Him. I am so thankful for a God who desires to give us our sight! The question is, are we as eager to be cleared as He is eager to clear us?

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