

Jesus and the Big Ask

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Mark 10:46-52, *Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging.*

⁴⁷ *When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"* ⁴⁸ *Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

⁴⁹ *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."* So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

⁵¹ ***"What do you want me to do for you?"*** Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² ***"Go,"*** said Jesus, ***"your faith has healed you."*** Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

1. Grace has an open door policy.

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"Now the grace of God is available. And all the grace that you need, God has plenty. He has a surplus of it."

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Bartimaeus - Unclean

"When the Bible says that God's grace is available to all, it gives no preconditions."

- Rick Warren

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

By Julia Johnston

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

*Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.*

*Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe,
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?*

2. **Small people will always try to silence your cry of faith.**

Mark 10:48, *Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

"The opposition of the crowd is the opposition of the devil.
The crowd always wants to silence the cry of faith."

– Oswald Chambers

10 People to Avoid When You Need a Breakthrough

1. The Shushers – Keep the Peace
2. The Realists – Face the Facts
3. The Accusers – Focus on Finding Fault
4. The Keepers – Love Status Quo
5. The Scoffers – Cynics Who Mock and Doubt
6. The Defeatists – Accept It and Make Peace
7. The Intellectuals – Logic and Reason
8. The Pragmatists – Take Matters Into Their Own Hands
9. The Judges – Critics Who Criticize and Scrutinize
10. The Complainers – Chronically Negative

3. **The Cry of Faith That Stops Heaven's Procession**

Mark 10:49, *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."*

- The King of glory halted his royal procession to listen to a begging plea.

- No sincere cry for Jesus is ever wasted.
- He hears, he halts, he heals.

4. **In life, sometimes you have to give up to go up.**

Mark 10:50, *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

"If we hold tightly to anything given to us, unwilling to let it go when the time comes ... we stunt the growth of the soul."

– Elisabeth Elliot

5. **Clear Vision Will Cause You to Lose Sight of Everything to Follow Jesus**

Mark 10:52, *"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

"The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One... the saint's secret is in the phrase, 'Looking away from all else and unto Jesus!'"

– A. W. Tozer

What do you want Him to do for you?

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. *Unclean*
2. *Small*
3. *Shushers*
4. *Realists*
5. *Accusers*
6. *Keepers*
7. *Scoffers*
8. *Defeatists*
9. *Intellectuals*
10. *Pragmatists*
11. *Judges*
12. *Complainers*