

“Blind Faith”

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“Son of David,” the blind man yelled.

“Son of David have mercy on me!” Bartimaeus continued to yell.

He is the beggar along the roadside with ripped clothes and a strong odor. Although he couldn't see his faith, that Jesus can heal him, overcame his blindness. The multitude categorized Bartimaeus to be an outcast and certainly not important to Jesus. Out of the many miracles written in the Bible, this story has one of the greatest impacts on me. Physically this man's eyes were not open but the parable within this story was the faith he had compared to the crowd.

Not being able to see means that you depend on others to help you. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was near, he yelled with the faith that many did not have. Yelling and not giving up, while many shut him up. He conquered the obstacles and continued to yell even louder.

Finally, he caught the attention of Jesus. It was then that the multitude was silent and made way for the man to go to Jesus. Approaching Jesus, Bartimaeus asked to be healed and it was done according to the man's faith. One of the major lessons we can take from this story is to continue to have faith even when there are obstacles. This passage's main point is not the healing but rather the faith that was put into action to follow Jesus. After the blind man was healed, Mark 10 verse 52 declares that Bartimaeus immediately followed Jesus without hesitation. He continued to be faithful and worship. Overall this has a great influence on Christians, to remain faithful and trust Jesus in everything.