

**Sermon Text – Mark 10:46-52 Theme: A blind man named Bartimaeus encounters Jesus**

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In our story today Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem where He would die on the cross for the sins of all mankind. Like many of Jesus’ travels he would minister to people along the way.

Encountering people along the way may seem like a random act, but our Lord’s actions are anything but random. Jesus is the Son of God who carries out the will of His Father. It is no accident that on that day the blind man Bartimaeus was begging on the side of the road.

We need to ask the question...what is God trying to teach us today. Like Bartimaeus you are not here by accident, because today the Lord desires to encounter you in a special way. A way that will change your life. And now a story from word of God from Mark chapter 10.

**The Reading – Mark 10:46-52 NLT**

46 And so they reached Jericho. Later, as Jesus and his disciples left town, a great crowd was following. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus from Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 "Be quiet!" some of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here. "So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "Teacher," the blind man said, "I want to see!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way. Your faith has healed you." And instantly the

blind man could see! Then he followed Jesus down the road. In addition in the book of Luke it says, “Bartimaeus followed Jesus glorifying God. And all the people when they saw it, gave praise to God.” Ref. Luke 18:43

**Sermon Notes:**

- 1. Being blind, but a person of faith Bartimaeus may have wondered how his blindness fit into God’s plan. What is God telling you about His plan for you today? Why is the Lord’s plan for your life so important? What are roadblocks in your life preventing you from moving forward in God’s plan for your life? How can the Lord help you remove those roadblocks? What steps are you going to take this week to seek and carry out God’s plan for you?

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- 2. A faithful heart seeking God brings spiritual breakthroughs. *So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6.* What breakthroughs does God want to bring into your life? How is being in His word and prayer part of that spiritual breakthrough?

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- 3. What does the Lord’s mercy tell you about Him? How has the Lord’s mercy made a difference in your life?

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