

## THE GIVER OF VISION

**Scripture:** Mark 10:46-52

### Introduction

There are times in our lives when Jesus passes by and his coming near us provides a rare opportunity for us to petition him. In that moment of opportunity, we must persistently cry out to him above the clamor of those who would discourage us and make our request known to him

### I. The Lord passes by

**Mark 10:46 NIV** Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.

- A. Jesus was leaving the city
- B. This was a unique moment of opportunity
  - 1. For his life to be changed
  - 2. To be released from the life of a beggar
  - 3. To know the King of kings
- C. The opportunity would never present itself again

### II. The beggar calls for mercy

**Mark 10:47-48 NIV** When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- A. When we cry out to Jesus
  - 1. It must be in the moment of opportunity
  - 2. We must call on him persistently
- B. The voices of discouragement
- C. We call until we stop Jesus and arrest his attention

### III. The Lord responds to the beggar's call

**Mark 10:49-52** Jesus stopped and said, Call him. So they called to the blind man, Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you. Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. What do you want me to do for you? Jesus asked him. The blind man said, Rabbi, I want to see. Go, said Jesus, your faith has healed you. Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- A. He released his old identity
- B. He had a clear knowledge of what he wanted to receive
- C. He became a follower of the Lord