

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM GOD?

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 19:32-34
PHILIPPIANS 4:6

INTRODUCTION

OFTEN OUR APPROACH TO THE FATHER IS, "FATHER, YOU KNOW WHAT I NEED." THIS IS GOOD, FOR IT SHOWS COMPLETE TRUST IN HIM.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE MUST BE MORE SPECIFIC IN OUR APPROACH TO HIM. WE MUST KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED, AND CRY OUT TO HIM UNTIL HE ASKS WHAT WE WANT FROM HIM.

I. THEY DETERMINED TO CRY OUT TO JESUS FOR HIS HELP

MATTHEW 19:29-30 NIV AS JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE LEAVING JERICO, A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM. TWO BLIND MEN WERE SITTING BY THE ROADSIDE, AND WHEN THEY HEARD THAT JESUS WAS GOING BY, THEY SHOUTED, "JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON US!"

- A. THEY HEARD THAT JESUS WAS COMING BY
- B. THEY KNEW THAT HE COULD HELP
- C. IT WAS THEIR MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY
- D. THEY ACTED TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION

II. THEY PERSEVERED IN THEIR PETITION

MATTHEW 19:31 NIV THE CROWD REBUKED THEM AND TOLD THEM TO BE QUIET, BUT THEY SHOUTED ALL THE LOUDER, "LORD, SON OF DAVID} HAVE MERCY ON US!"

- A. THEY HAD THEIR MOMENT OF DISCOURAGEMENT
- B. THEY WOULD NOT LET DISCOURAGING VOICES DETER THEM
 - 1. THEY CONTINUED TO CRY OUT TO JESUS
 - 2. THEY SHOUTED LOUDER FOR HIS ATTENTION

- C. THEY PERSERVERED UNTIL THEY HAD HIS ATTENTION

MATTHEW 19:32 NIV JESUS STOPPED AND CALLED THEM. "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?" HE ASKED.

III. THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED GOD TO DO

MATTHEW 19:33-34 NIV "LORD," THEY ANSWERED, "WE WANT OUR SIGHT." JESUS HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND TOUCHED THEIR EYES. IMMEDIATELY THEY RECEIVED THEIR SIGHT AND FOLLOWED HIM.

- A. THEIR PRAYER WAS SPECIFIC
 - 1. THEY DIDN'T TRY TO IMPRESS JESUS WITH THEIR PRAYER
 - 2. THEY PRESENTED THEIR PETITION IMMEDIATELY
 - 3. THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED
- B. JESUS HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND TOUCHED THEM
- C. THEY RECEIVED THEIR SIGHT