

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. 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!” 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. **Mark 10: 46-52 (NIV)**

## WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM BARTIMAEUS

### 1. HE CRIED OUT

As for you, you were dead in your sins in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world. **Ephesians 2:1-2a (NIV)**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. **Ephesians 2:4-5a (NIV)**

For you were once children of darkness, but now you are children of light in the Lord. Live as children of light. **Ephesians 5:8 (NIV)**

### 2. HE LET GO OF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERED HIM.

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. **Matthew 16:25 (NLT)**

Your faith has healed you, now go on your way And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way. **Matthew 16:25 (ESV)**

### 3. HIS “WAY” CHANGED

## HOW DOES GOD DEMONSTRATE HIS HEART TOWARDS US?

### 1. JESUS STOPPED

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**THIS WEEK’S READING:****JUL 2:** MARK 11:15-33; 1 KINGS 2; HOSEA 5:5-15**JUL 3:** MARK 12:1-27; 1 KINGS 3; HOSEA 6:1-7:2**JUL 4:** MARK 12:28-44; 1 KINGS 4-5; HOSEA 7:3-16**JUL 5:** MARK 13:1-13; 1 KINGS 6; HOSEA 8**JUL 6:** MARK 13:14-37; 1 KINGS 7; HOSEA 9:1-16**JUL 7:** MARK 14:1-31; 1 KINGS 8; HOSEA 9:17-10:15**JUL 8:** MARK 14:32-72; 1 KINGS 9; HOSEA 11:1-11

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