



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## **Topic: How to Have a Powerful Faith like Bartimaeus.**

Text: Mark 10:46-52,

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Very little is known about this man who cried out to Jesus, however, much can be learned from the steps he took into his encounter with Christ.

Bartimaeus was a blind man and beggar who had come to believe in Jesus.

Bartimaeus cried out, asking Jesus to have mercy on him and heal him. This account in the Bible is about faith and healing.

It tells of Jesus' power and His compassion. It assures us that Jesus cares and takes notice of each one of us.

### **Who Was Bartimaeus?**

He was a blind man and a beggar.

Jesus and his disciples had been in Jericho and were leaving the city.

She he heard about Jesus he shouted for mercy.

The crowds were telling Bartimaeus to keep quiet and to not bother Jesus as he was leaving.

When he called out, Bartimaeus declared his belief in Jesus by calling him “Son of David.” He professed his faith in Jesus and knew that Jesus could heal him.

Others told him to be quiet, but Bartimaeus kept shouting and shouting out to Jesus.

Bartimaeus was relentless in his pursuit of Jesus. He succeeded in getting Jesus’ attention and Jesus stopped. Jesus then asked that Bartimaeus be brought over. People may have wondered what Jesus would say or do with Bartimaeus.

The crowds told Bartimaeus that Jesus was calling him over and Bartimaeus got up quickly and with much joy, and went to Jesus.

He had been heard and noticed by the Son of David – what an amazing moment! Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted and Bartimaeus replied that he wanted to see.

Jesus can see Bartimaeus’ faith and healed him.

The blind beggar could now see. His life was changed from a begged to somebody following JesusChrist. Scripture goes on to say that Bartimaeus continued to follow Jesus.

### **Why Did He Call Out to Jesus?**

Bartimaeus called out because he knew Jesus and he has faith in Him. He knew that Jesus can save him from the fact that he was often ignored or ridiculed. Perhaps many condemned him, believing his blindness was a result of sinfulness or God’s punishment.

At some point, Bartimaeus must have heard about Jesus of Nazareth. He must have heard the crowds talking, people wondering if Jesus was the Messiah, and the stories of the healing power of Jesus.

Bartimaeus came to believe that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, and that Jesus could heal him, if he ever got the chance to be in His presence.

When he heard that Jesus was coming by, his faith rose up and spilled over and he called out to Jesus. Bartimaeus was fully ready for that moment, for the chance to ask Jesus to heal him. Even though the crowds told him to be quiet and not to cause any trouble, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus because he wanted to be healed and receive his sight.

### **Why Did Jesus Heal Bartimaeus?**

When Jesus approached Bartimaeus, He asked him a very important question. Jesus asked similar questions to those who approached him for help or healing.

Bartimaeus knew what he wanted – to see!

Jesus healed Bartimaeus because he had demonstrated his faith in Jesus.

Like other healing stories in the gospels, the one healed had faith. Bartimaeus received his sight and continued to follow Jesus. The hope is that he not only followed Jesus that day, but for the rest of his life.

### **What Can We Learn from Bartimaeus about Our Own Faith?**

Faith in Jesus is truly an amazing gift! To believe in, to trust, and to know our Lord and Savior is blessing upon blessing.

Bartimaeus experienced firsthand the fruit of having faith in Jesus.

Having faith allows Jesus to work in our hearts and lives in powerful ways.

If Bartimaeus did not have faith, he would not have been healed.

Through faith, God works in us and through us.

Having faith prompts us to pursue Jesus. It was Bartimaeus' faith that empowered him to pursue Jesus relentlessly, even when others were telling him to stop. His faith could not be silenced.

When it comes to our own faith, we must be careful not to let others discourage us, distract us, or pull us away from Jesus.

Our faith is what moves us closer to Jesus and into a personal relationship with Him.

Having faith is pleasing to God and it makes us receive our miracles.

Faith helps us to continue following Jesus.

In Conclusion: When we are going through our most difficult circumstances, we can shout out to Jesus and know He will hear us, just like he heard Bartimaeus among the crowd. Amount the in Nigeria this year God will hear you and attend to your situation.

### **PRAYERS:**

O God I thank you for your word, by this word increase my faith in you in Jesus name.

O God help me to know you better this year as God of all possibilities in Jesus name.

O God give me a relentless faith to get what I want from you this week, this month and this year in Jesus name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, discouragement and distraction will not stop me from having my miracle and tes this year.

O Lord as I receive my miracle this year, let it be permanent and help me to follow you to the end of my life.

Father in Jesus name, I believed that you have power to heal and to provide all my needs, pls by your power and in your mercy, provide all my needs this year - mention your needs...