



Oct. 28/2018 Mark 10: 46-52 & Jer: 31: 7-9

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#### ENTERING THE SCENE:

If you notice in this picture all the disciples have glasses on. The implication is that they needed their vision corrected. The blind man's darkened glasses indicate he can "see" nothing, but in reality he "sees" most clearly. The disciples are forging straight ahead, not even looking at the blind man. They are on a "mission" and the blind man is a distraction. Jesus however, turns towards the blind man and recognizes a person God loves: a person who has faith in the Father of mercy. Takes some time this week to reflect on the ways you forge ahead and block out the calls of the "blind" around you. Does this make you 'blind'?

#### Mark 10:46-52

46 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**. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, **Son of David, have mercy on me!**" 48 Many **rebuked** him and told

him to be **quiet**, but he **shouted** all the more, "**Son of David, have mercy on me!**" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "**Call him.**" So they called to the **blind man**, "**Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.**" 50 **Throwing** his **cloak** aside, he **jumped** to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 **What do you want me to do for you?**" Jesus asked him. The **blind man** said, "**Rabbi, I want to see.**" 52 Go," said Jesus, "**your faith has healed you.**" **Immediately** he received his **sight** and **followed** Jesus along the **road**.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted him to do for him. If Jesus asked you this today, how would you answer?

**PRAYER:** Our world today is filled with so much suffering. The noise and distractions around me often help to mask the cries of those who are calling out for my love. Help me hear with your ears and respond with your heart when someone calls my name, trusting that my love can also heal. Amen.