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**I Won’t Be Silent**

Mark 10:46-52

**Key Truth:** Jesus brings spiritual healing to those who cry out to Him for mercy.

**Bartimaeus Had To Overcome Blindness and Hostility:**

1. He was ignored and despised by the crowd.

2. He was considered cursed by God.

3. He recognizes that he needs the mercy of Jesus Christ.

4. He would not allow the crowd to silence his plea for mercy.

**Jesus Vs The Crowd:**

1. The crowd cared nothing about the hurting and less

 fortunate.

2. Jesus cares about the hopeless and hurting.

**Physical Blindness VS Spiritual Blindness:**

1. Physical blindness can limit our movement and activities on

 earth.

2. Spiritual blindness give us an inflated view of ourselves.

 **Revelation 3:17**

**Truths For Living:**

1. Your plea will only be as loud as your need for Jesus.

2. To experience the deliverance and vision Jesus has for You,

 you will have to ignore those who you tell you, “You are not

 worthy of Jesus mercy”.

3. Physical sight is no guarantee of spiritual sight.

4. How you see Jesus will determine your prayer life.

5. The goal of spiritual sight is to enable us to follow Jesus.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray that you will see your need for Jesus and cry out to Him.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

How would you describe spiritual blindness? How is spiritual blindness similar to physical blindness? How are the two different?

Read Marl 10:46-52. Why do you think Bartimaeus called Jesus the Son of David?

Why did Bartimaeus cry out for mercy? What does “have mercy” really mean?

How did the people around him respond? Why?

How did Jesus’ response change the way the crowd was acting?

What is the difference between John and James (Mark 10:35-37) request vs Bartimaeus request of Jesus?

Jesus asked the simple question: “What do you want me to do for you?” Imagine you were Bartimaeus’ position: What would you ask for? Why?

We know Jesus is God, and because He is God, He knows everything. So why does Jesus ask this question?

What does this truth show you about the nature of prayer?

Read Luke 18:1-8: What is Jesus trying to teach us about being persistent in prayer?

During what situations in daily life are you most likely to lose patience?

When was the last time being persistent and not giving up paid off for you?