

"Blind Faith" A Look at Luke Luke 18:35-43 January 14, 2024

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Three Lessons on Reaching out to Jesus:

- Bartimaeus' Request
- 1. Call out in <u>FAITH</u>. Mark 9:22-23, John 20:25
 - a. He heard the <u>TESTIMONIES</u> of Jesus. Mark 1:45, Romans 10:17
 - b. He believed the <u>TRANSFORMING</u> ability of Jesus. Matthew 12:24, Mark 10:50
 - c. He appealed to the merciful <u>TOUCH</u> of Jesus. Exodus 25:17, 33:19

The People's Reaction

- 2. Ignore the voice of <u>FOOLS</u>.
 - a. Ignore the voice of <u>DOUBT</u>. Matthew 14:31, Colossians 3:16
 - b. Ignore the voice of <u>DISCOURAGERS</u>. Matthew 15:29-30

- c. Ignore the voice of <u>DEMONS</u>. John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8
- Jesus' Response
- 3. Look for Jesus' <u>FACE</u>. Hebrews 13:8
 - a. Jesus <u>HEARD</u> his cry. 1 Peter 3:12
 - b. Jesus <u>HALTED</u> in His path. 1 John 3:1
 - c. Jesus <u>HEEDED</u> him. Psalm 8:4
 - d. Jesus <u>HELPED</u> him. Psalm 46:1

Questions to Consider:

- Does my faith lead me to call out to Jesus as did Bartimaeus'?
- Is there any "voice" hindering my reaching out to Jesus?
- Do I believe Jesus wants to reveal Himself when I call out to Him?