

JESUS STOOD STILL

MARK 10:46-52

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Introduction:

There's the story told about a man and his wife spending a vacation at an oceanfront hotel.

They were very committed to work, family, and church but they desperately needed some time off. One night a violent storm sent crashing waves against the shore. All during the night, they could hear the power of the storm, the wind, and the gigantic waves pounding upon the shore.

The man kept thinking while lying in his bed about his own storms in his own life.

Later that night, the wind died down and the storm was over. The man got up early that morning to see what damaged the storm had made.

All along the shore, he could see what seemed to be thousands of starfish that would soon die.

Then he noticed a strange sight. A little boy was throwing something in the water. He was throwing the starfish, one by one, into the water.

“Why are you throwing the starfish back in the water?” the man asked the young boy. “There are so many of them. What real difference can you possibly make since there are hundreds of starfish on the bank?”

“Well, you’re right,” said the boy as he picked up another starfish and threw it back into the water. As the starfish sunk into the water, he looked at the man and said, “But it made a difference to that starfish.”

Certainly the Lord made a difference in the life of this man and He can make a difference in your life as well.

Notice

1. THE LORDS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THOSE WHO CONCLUDE THEY ARE IN NEED (VS. 46)

Mark 10:46

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

There were MANY PEOPLE surrounding Jesus, but one man had a desperate need. A great number of people were close to Jesus, but out of the multitude we can see blind Bartimaeus begging.

Bartimaeus was not the only blind person in the story. There were many others blinded to their own spiritual condition.

It's like what we read in Revelation 3:17:

Revelation 3:17

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

- We have need of Jesus this morning!
- We have need of spiritual awakening this morning!
- We have need of revival!
- We have need of a mighty move of God upon our church to stir us, to convict us, to change us, to bring us to a place of deep repentance.
- We have need of Holy Spirits power!
- We have need of God's Saving Grace!

But we won't see much of a difference in our church unless we RECOGNIZE THE NEED.

2. THE LORDS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THOSE WHO CRY UNTO HIM OUT OF FAITH (VS. 46- 47, 49)

Mark 10:46-49

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁸ And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁹ And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

It's this type of cry that causes the Lord to stop and respond to the need.

- A. His Cry Was Perceptive – Thou Son of David
- B. His Cry Was Provoking – And Many Charged Him that He Should Hold His Peace
- C. His Cry Was Persistent – But He Cried the More a great Deal
- D. His Call Was Powerful – Jesus Stood Still

E. His Call Was Productive – Be of Good Comfort

What difference the Lord would make, if we so determined to pray, and pray, and pray, and cry out to God in desperation for Him to work in our lives and in our church.

Do we pray this way?

3. WHEN THE LORD MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IT WILL BE CLEARLY SEEN (VS. 50)

Mark 10:50-52

⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

A. He No Longer Needed the Garment of a Beggar

Education can give you information. Self-help programs can offer opportunities for reformation. Only Jesus can give a person total transformation.

The song writer wrote:

What a wonderful change in my life has been
wrought since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my sould for which long I had
sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus
came into my heart, Floods of joy o'er my soul
like the sea billows roll, Since Jesus came into my
heart.

There was the evidence in Bartimaeus of a changed
life.

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He followed Jesus.