

Lost In The Credits

“Ordinary People Made Extraordinary By God”

Bartimaeus
(Mark 10:46-52)

- Introduction:
1. In this series of lessons, we are exploring the idea of being used as a tool in the hand of God.
 2. God has shown us time and time again that it is possible for Him to use ordinary people to accomplish His purposes.
 3. Consequently, I want us to consider the possibility of allowing God to use our lives to accomplish His purposes.
 5. Let us examine another person who has been “lost in the credits,” but who was used by God.

I. Background to Bartimaeus

- A. Bartimaeus is only mentioned in the Bible for this single encounter with Jesus. We know nothing more of his life and what he may have accomplished.
- B. Therefore, it is easy to see why he might be one who was “lost in the credits.”
- C. Bartimaeus was a blind man, reduced to begging on the side of the road. However, when he heard Jesus was near, he cried out to Jesus to help him.
- D. Jesus showed mercy to him and gave him his sight, and Bartimaeus followed Jesus.

II. Practical Lessons From Bartimaeus

- A. He did not allow his physical infirmity to drive him from God.
 1. Many become bitter toward God in times of trouble.
 2. (Job 1:20; 2:9-10).
 3. (2 Corinthians 12:10).
 4. (John 9:3).
- B. He didn't care what others thought.
 1. He cried out to Jesus and was repeatedly told to “hush.”
 2. (Acts 4:18).
 3. Some are too concerned about what others think.
 4. (1 Corinthians 4:3).
- C. He acted on his “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity.
 1. The more he was told to be quiet, the more he cried out.
 2. He came with haste when Jesus called him (v. 50).
 3. (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- D. He followed Jesus.
 1. He didn't get what he wanted and then go the other way.
 2. Many want Jesus as “Savior,” but they don't want him as “Lord.”
 3. (Matthew 16:24).

- Conclusion:
1. Bartimaeus was blind, but he had clear vision, could it be that you have clear vision, but are blind?