

FAITH ALONE

Mark 10:46-52

Faith _____ Bartimaeus

What is that _____?

He _____ who Jesus is

He _____ despite difficulty

He _____ for that which Jesus will give

Faith in _____

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READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Faith is, y'know, kind of important. But what is it? That's what I tried to answer today, at least, in the way in which we're presented with it in the story of a blind beggar named Bartimaeus and his encounter with Jesus. At the risk of repeating myself, I'm deeply captivated by this idea that Bartimaeus believed that in Jesus, something important was happening. A man who had nothing *could have* something. I've spent a lot of time in Mark 10, so go back and read how this all unfolds from the beginning. It's rather fascinating – note the places of repetition, and the continued emphasis on faith.

Reflect:

How do you feel about possibilities, or the idea that all things are possible in God? Based on your human experience, what are things that you would say are *impossible* at the moment? Why do we start to limit what can be done by God? Who does that serve?

Why would a man who had everything leave sad, and a man who had nothing rejoice? What mirror does that give to our lives?

Respond:

Your faith has healed you. What does this mean?

Remember:

"Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'" – Mark 10:48

