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Written for Sunday, October 25, 2015

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year B

Scripture: [Mark 10:46-52](#) [**Summary:** *Jesus listens to, makes time for, and heals Bartimaeus.*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- I have a question for you -- have you ever had someone tell you to be quiet before?
- Maybe just once or twice?
- And did you listen? (Eh - sometimes)

TELL (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- I ask because in today's scripture story, we hear about a man named Bartimaeus who was blind.
- And when he heard that Jesus was near him, he shouted, "Jesus have mercy on me!"
- But then guess what the people around him said?
- That's right - they said, "Be quiet, Bartimaeus!"
- They probably said this because Jesus was an important person and they thought Jesus wouldn't want to talk to Bartimaeus.
- But, Bartimaeus didn't listen to them.
- Which is why he yelled again, only louder, "JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON ME!"
- Jesus heard him and said, "Call Bartimaeus here."

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- So don't think this story means that you don't *ever* have to be quiet again.
- Because you **do** have to be quiet sometimes.
- We **all** do.
- But this story **is** a reminder that one of the ways we can pay attention to God is by talking to God.
- Just like Jesus listened to Bartimaeus, so too does God listen to us.
- Also, just like Bartimaeus was able to see because he kept calling on Jesus, so too can we see God's better way when we keep talking (and listening) to God.
- And when we are seeing God's better way, we can share it with others, just like Jesus did with Bartimaeus.
- And that's the good news for today.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who shows us...

...who shows us...

...that you're listening to us.

...that you're listening to us.

Help us to keep talking...

Help us to keep talking...

...and listening to you.

...and listening to you.

Thank you and amen