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*Written for October 24, 2021*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Lectionary Year B*

**Scripture:** [Mark 10:46-52](#) [ **Summary:** *Bartimaeus Is Important* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies are 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? (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.
- 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, who was *not* an important person.
- 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."
- When Bartimaeus made it to Jesus, Jesus then healed Bartimaeus so that he could see again.

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

- Because Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, Bartimaeus learned that Jesus thought Bartimaeus was important to talk to and to help.
- It was a good thing that Bartimaeus did not listen to the people who told him to be quiet!
- Now, this story doesn't mean that you don't *ever* have to be quiet again.
- Because you **do** have to be quiet sometimes. We **all** do. We are made to have and enjoy moments of quiet.
- But today's story reminds us that when we need help, we should make our need of help known, just like Bartimaeus did.
- We should call out for help to our friends, our family, to Jesus, and to God.
- When we do, there will be voices that tell us to be quiet because others are too busy or too important to help us – that *God* is too busy and too important to help us.
- Don't listen to those voices.
- Instead, do like Bartimaeus did and keep calling out for help.
- Because, when we do keep calling out for help, we will eventually see, just like Bartimaeus did, that we are important enough to be helped.
- We will also see how we are important to God and how God wants to help us – just like Bartimaeus saw.
- And that's the good news for today. Let's pray.

### **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for Jesus...**

**Thank you for Jesus...**

**...who helps us see...**

**...who helps us see...**

**...that we're important to you...**

**...that we're important to you...**

**...and that you want to help us.**

**...and that you want to help us.**

**Thank you and amen**