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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year B

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

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? (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, Jesus then heard Bartimaeus and spoke with him.
- 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.
- 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 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