

**Think It Over
Going Deeper
Devotional**

Hope Gives Us A New Perspective About Life Hope Rises Us Up!

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There are times when we feel like we are sitting on the side of the road while the world passes us by. We may feel discouraged, disillusioned, and ready to quit. But Jesus is ready to offer an opportunity if we put our trust in him. In this study we will look at how Jesus took Bartimaeus from being a blind beggar sitting on the side of the road, to a person who was following Jesus on the road. Jesus wants to do the same for us. Whatever is keeping us sitting on the side of the road, Jesus can heal if we put the problem in his hands and trust in him. This study looks at five steps we need to take if we want Jesus to get a new START.

OPEN YOUR TIME EACH DAY WITH PRAYER.

Monday

1. TAKE HOLD OF THE MOMENT.

Mark 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

According to Mark 10:46-47, what did Bartimaeus do when he heard Jesus going by? _____

- Why is it important to act when the Lord is near? _____

Luke 9:62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

In Luke 9:62, what does Jesus say about looking back? _____

- How does this speak to the idea of seizing the moment? _____

Tuesday

2. OVERCOME YOUR FEARS.

Read Mark 10:48. What does this verse say Bartimaeus did when he was told to be quiet? _____

- What are some examples of when people can get fearful, especially when it comes to fear of others' opinions? _____
- Whose disapproval do we fear the most? These fears are often the god's(idols) in our lives. _____

Read Proverbs 29:25. What does this verse say fear does? How can we be protected from it? _____

- Discuss how Christ followers can let the promises of God release their paralysis due to others' opinions? _____

Wednesday

3. ANNOUNCE YOUR FAITH.

Mark 10:51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

In Mark 10:51, what was the response of Bartimaeus to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" _____

- Why does Jesus ask Bartimaeus this question? _____

Thursday

4. PUBLICIZE YOUR FAITH.

Mark 10:52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

According to Jesus in Mark 10:52a, what made the blind man see? _____

- How does faith help believers receive more of God's grace? _____

Friday

5. TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

Mark 10:52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

What happened according to Mark 10:52b? _____

- Discuss the various steps a Christ follower can take so they are no longer sitting beside the road but following Jesus. _____

James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? _____

Read James 2:14. What does this verse say about a faith that does nothing? _____

- Why is it important to understand that works alone will not be sufficient? _____

1 Cor 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

According to 1 Corinthians 1:30, what does this verse say about the source of all that is given to us? _____

- Why is it important to not let our works be viewed as something we do, but something God does in us? _____