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<sup>46</sup> Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

<sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>48</sup> Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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<sup>49</sup> So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

<sup>50</sup> And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

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<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

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Story of a blind beggar healed by Jesus

- **Parallel accounts:** Matt. 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43
- **How many blind men?**
  1. Matthew (2); Luke (1); Mark (1) and identifies him as Bartimaeus
  2. Must be same accounts – thus two men
  3. Bartimaeus may been well known and thus overshadowed the other

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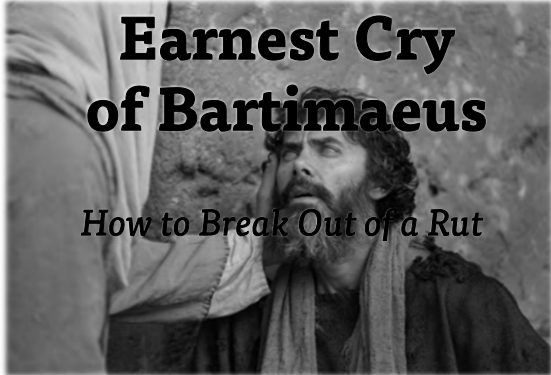
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  2. Luke: when came near Jericho (v. 35)
  3. Mark: came to and went out of Jericho (v. 46)

"Jesus passed through Jericho (Luke 19:1), and although it was late in the day, no one invited him to spend the night with them. On the other side of the town Zacchaeus awaits Jesus, who calls him down from the tree, who retraces his steps and goes back into Jericho and spends the night at the publican's home. It was on this return that the blind men were healed."

Lenski, R. C. H. (1961). *The Interpretation of St. Mark's Gospel* p. 468

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- **How did the blind man know it was Jesus that was coming?**
  1. Noise of the multitude led the beggars to inquire (Luke 18:36)
  2. Were told it was Jesus (Luke 18:37)



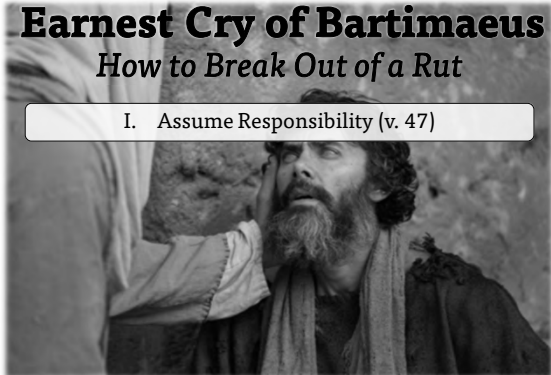
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**Bartimaeus**                      **You**


Blind                                      Sin  
 Beggar                                    Fear  
    Marriage Struggle  
    Relationship  
    Lacking  
    Weakness



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*How to Break Out of a Rut*

I. Assume Responsibility (v. 47)

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A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord

1. *Didn't wait for someone else to act for him*
2. *Didn't blame others for his lack of access to Jesus*
3. *Didn't sit in pool of self-pity about being blind and poor*




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A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord

B. Take responsibility for your own sin / mistakes

1. *Adam and Eve shifted blame (Gen. 3:12-13)*
2. *Each bear our own sin (Ezek. 18:4, 20)*
3. *Each will give an account for self (Rom. 14:12)*

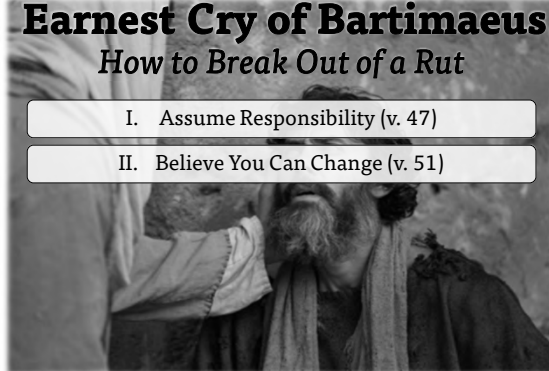


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- A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord
- B. Take responsibility for your own sin / mistakes
- C. Take responsibility for own conformity to the word
  1. *Must save self (Acts 2:40)*
  2. *The treasurer took responsibility to act (Acts 8:36)*
  3. *Rather than:*
    - Reason: "If the situation was different..."
    - Wonder: "What can I do...?"
    - Point to others as the cause of your failure

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### How to Break Out of a Rut



I. Assume Responsibility (v. 47)


II. Believe You Can Change (v. 51)

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II. Believe You Can Change (v. 51)

- A. Though blind – believed that with Jesus he could see
- B. In contrast some feel powerless – think they are stuck
  1. *Wish they could do better*
  2. *But they are victims of circumstance & others*

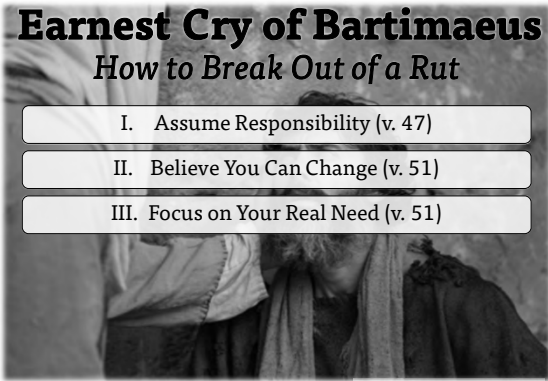


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- A. Though blind – believed that with Jesus he could see
- B. In contrast some feel powerless – think they are stuck
- C. You have the power to change
  1. *Can overcome sin – Corinthians did (1 Cor. 6:9-11)*
  2. *Can make a drastic change – Saul did (Acts 9)*
  3. *Can overcome being raised in sin – Abraham did (Gen. 12:1-ff)*
- D. You can change!

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III. Focus on Your Real Need (v. 51)

- A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty
  1. *As a beggar – people could give him money*
  2. *None of those could give him sight*
  3. *His real need was gaining his sight!*




III. Focus on Your Real Need (v. 51)

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A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty

B. You real need:

1. *May be forgiveness of sins*
  - a. May have many crying needs (financial, health)
  - b. Without forgiveness – will be lost (John 8:21; Rom. 6:23)




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A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty

B. You real need:

1. *May be forgiveness of sins*
2. *May be to get your priorities straight*
  - a. Have multiple things that call for your attention
  - b. Set God as first and foremost (1 Pet. 3:15)
  - c. Can easily fool self into thinking we have our priorities in line (Matt. 19:16-22)




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A. Bartimaeus knew the misery of blindness and poverty

B. You real need:

1. *May be forgiveness of sins*
2. *May be to get your priorities straight*
3. *May be raising your children to fear God*
  - a. Have "life" pulling at you – job – etc.
  - b. Must train children in way of God (Eph. 6:1-4)



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B. You real need:

1. *May be forgiveness of sins*
2. *May be to get your priorities straight*
3. *May be raising your children to fear God*
4. *May be salvaging your marriage*
  - a. May be other needs that demand immediate attention (i.e. bills to pay, health issues)
  - b. If your marriage is strained - needs all your attention
  - c. Made a commitment to God (Rom. 7:2-3)

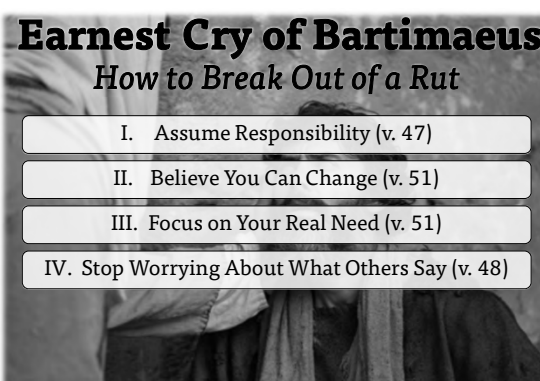
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IV. Stop Worrying About What Others Say (v. 48)

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A. Blind beggar was told to quieten down

1. *He cried out to the Lord – then was warned to be quiet*
2. *But he ignored them*
  - a. He was focused on his need
  - b. In fact, he cried out even more!
3. *If he had listened to those around – not been healed*



**IV. Stop Worrying About What Others Say (v. 48)**

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A. Blind beggar was told to quieten down

B. Others may be giving you the wrong advice


1. *May be telling you that you are fine as you are*
  - a. You're not in sin
  - b. If it is "sin" – so what?
  - c. Automatically removed by grace
2. *May be ridiculed for being so conscientious*
3. *May tell you that you're too strict with children*
4. *May tell you that you should leave your mate*
5. *May tell you a dysfunctional family is normal*
6. *May tell you that your faith – should not get in the way of job, school or fears*
7. *May tell you don't need to attend all time*

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**V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (v. 46)**

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A. Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation

1. *Blind – couldn't see who is coming or where he was*
2. *Beggar – often ignored, brushed aside in disdain*
3. *Sat – not in a position to be seen or gain attention*




**V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (v. 46)**

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A. Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation

B. You may be planning to get out of your rut...

1. *But, waiting on others to do what they should...*
2. *I will turn to God – just as soon as get life on right track*
3. *Start attending church – when things get better*
4. *But can't now - since my family life is not good at all*



**V. Stop Waiting for the Ideal Circumstance (v. 46)**


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A. Bartimaeus was not in an ideal situation

B. You may be planning to get out of your rut...

C. Many have faithfully served God – in situations that were far less than ideal

1. *Paul was in prison*
2. *Abraham was in a strange country*
3. *Noah had only 7 other righteous people*
4. *Daniel was in captivity*



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D. If you are waiting for the ideal circumstance – it may never come

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- VI. Act Now (v. 50)

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A. Bartimaeus felt it was NOW or NEVER

1. *May never have such an opportunity again*
2. *Threw his garment aside – that he might run without interference (v. 50)*
3. *Acted in faith based on what he knew about Jesus:*
  - a. *Because of his faith – he cried and begged*
  - b. *Because of his faith – responded in joyous obedience to the divine call*
  - c. *Because of his faith – he asked for sight*
4. *There was no delay – no stalling!*



VI. Act Now (v. 50)

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A. Bartimaeus felt it was NOW or NEVER

B. If you are going to get out of your rut – must act now

1. *You may not have another opportunity (Jas. 4:13-14)*
2. *The more you delay – chances increased you may never act*
3. *Now is the time to obey the gospel (Heb. 3:7)*
4. *Now is the time to be restored (Jas. 5:19-20)*
5. *Now is the time to fix your family life*
6. *Now is the time to correct what is lacking*
7. *Now is the time to repair a relationship*
8. *Now is the time to work on growing*

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