

“Greatness In God’s Kingdom”
Mark 10:32-52
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Message 25

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Greatness In God’s Kingdom”

- **Illustration – A Rice Farmer Who Saved his village**

- **I once heard the story of a rice farmer who saved an entire village from destruction.**
 - His hill top house was by the ocean
 - He felt the huge earth quake
 - He saw the distant ocean swiftly withdraw from the shore line.
 - He knew that a tidal wave was coming.
 - In the valley below
 - He saw his neighbors working low fields that would soon be flooded.
 - They must run quickly to his hilltop or they would all die.
 - His rice barns were dry as tinder.
 - So with a torch he set fire to his barns and soon the fire gong started ringing.
 - All His neighbors saw the smoke and rushed to help him.
 - When that arrive to help, they looked back and saw what had happen

- It was then that he realized he had saved their lives
- They later erected a monument to his memory bearing the motto, "He gave us all he had, and gave gladly."
- BUT it cost him everything he had.
- **NOW that is a GREAT story**
- **BUT there is GREATER Story than that**
 - A Greater Sacrifice

John 3:16–21 (NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- God Gave HIS Son to Redeem Mankind
 - BUT you have to receive that gift
 - You have to leave the valley floor
 - You have to turn from your sins and receive forgiveness from Jesus
 - If you do you will have eternal life in Jesus

• **Review Chapter 10**

- **Mark 10:1-12 - God's Plan for Marriage**
 - The Pharisees TEST Jesus vs. 1-2
 - The TRUTH About Marriage vs. 3-9

- The TRAGEDY Of Divorce vs. 10-12
- **Mark 10:13-34 - Children, Rich Man, Camel, Cross**
 - **Children vs. 13-16**
 - Bring our children to Jesus
 - Survey – At What Age did you come to Christ
 - 15.1% - Age 6 or Younger
 - 32.1% - Age 7-11
 - 36.8% - Age 12-19
 - 11.3% - Age 20-29
 - 4.7% - After Age 30
 - COME as Children to Jesus
 - Helpless
 - Dependent
 - **Rich Young Ruler vs. 17-22**
 - Had 2 problems
 - 1st Thought he could EARN his way to heaven By being GOOD / Keeping the Commandments
 - 2nd His Wealth
 - Over the years that I have been in ministry
 - I have had noticed a re-occurring theme with people

- If you ask the average person on the street or sadly even in the Church
- When you die WILL you go to heaven?
- They will answer YES
- Then you ask them WHY?!
- In general...
- I am a good person
- My good deeds outweigh my bad deeds
—
- So I am confident God will let me in
- After all I am nowhere as bad as...
- The Religious Answer
- Baptized
- Attend Church every week
- Serve the Lord
- Give to the church
- Help feed the homeless
- The REALITY
- There are going to o LOT of GOOD People in HELL
- People who did a lot of GOOD on this planet

- But NEVER Received Christ as Lord and Savior
- There will be a whole of BAD People (BUT Forgiven) in Heaven
 - As you guys know – Salvation is ALL a work of GRACE
 - We come to Jesus confessing our sins and ask Him for the forgiveness He purchased on Calvary's Cross
- Camel vs. 23-31
 - How Hard is it for a RICH man to Enter Heaven – As hard as it for a Camel to go through the eye of a needle
 - BUT With GOD ALL things are Possible
- Cross vs. 32-34
 - Salvation Comes through the cross

• **Now This Morning 3 POWERFUL TRUTHS To Greatness in God's Kingdom**

- It Involves Suffering vs. 32-41
- It Involves Serving vs. 42-45
- It Involves Strong Faith vs. 46-52

It Involves Suffering vs. 32-41

• **First: Requires Suffering vs. 32-34**

- **1st Jesus Was Going Before Them v. 32**
 - **1st Going To Jerusalem – Jesus Was Going Before them v. 32a**

Mark 10:32 (NKJV)

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

- From Perea - through Jericho – to Jerusalem
 - This is the first mention of Jerusalem as Jesus' destination.
- It says – Jesus WAS GOING BEFORE THEM
 - As we will see in the next verse
 - Jesus is going there to SUFFER and DIE
 - Yet He is Still leading the way
- Jesus has shown us the path to Greatness
 - He was leading
 - His disciples were following
 - They are headed for Suffering and Sacrifice
 - The Path to Greatness
 - Is one of self-sacrifice
 - Yes, if necessary, even to death
- **2nd As they followed, they were afraid v. 32b**

Mark 10:32 (NKJV)

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

- Amazed and Afraid
 - Amazed by everything that Jesus was teaching!
 - Afraid
 - Because Jesus kept talking about Suffering
 - But they kept FOLLOWING Jesus
- He Took the 12
 - The third and last prediction of His death and resurrection that Jesus made to the 12 is given (Mark 8:31 / 9:31)
 - This will also be the most detailed of the 3 predictions
 - **2nd They will condemn Jesus to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles vs. 33-34**

Mark 10:33–34 (NKJV)

33 *“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;*

34 *and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”*

- The OT did foretell the suffering and death of the Messiah...

- Everything Jesus did fulfilled the Scriptures...He said so

Isaiah 53:7 (NKJV)

7 *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*

Psalms 22:14–16 (NKJV)

14 *I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.*

15 *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

16 *For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has
enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;*

- **This is God's Purpose for His Son**

Matthew 27:29–31 (NKJV)

29 *When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a
reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him,
saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"*

30 *Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.*

31 *And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own
clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.*

- **They will Scourge Him**

- The Romans whipped their prisoners with a device called a
 - Flagrum
 - Cat in Nine Tails
 - It was a handle with long leather straps of various lengths attached.
 - Imbedded in the straps were jagged pieces of bone and lead.

- **Killed Him**

- He would be crucified
 - Crucifixion was invented by the Persians,
 - Used by the Greeks
 - Perfected by the Romans.

- Crucifixion was designed to be both humiliating and extremely painful.
- Brief description
- He endured these things to pay for our sin

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

▪ The THIRD DAY He will RISE AGAIN

- VICTORY

• **Second: The Request vs. 35-37**

- **1st Teach We WANT... v. 35**

Mark 10:35 (NKJV)

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

▪ The way that James and John approach Jesus is a little bit like spoiled children.

- They want Jesus to promise to do something for them before they even tell Him what it is.

▪ Matthew records that their mother

- Salome, was involved in this (Mat. 20:20-21)
- She probably initially made the request
- But she made it at the request of their sons.

- **2nd What Do You Want? vs. 36-37**

Mark 10:36–37 (NKJV)

36 And He said to them, "*What do you want Me to do for you?*"

37 They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

- **OH MY - Talk about being out of TOUCH**

- Jesus has been talking about going to Jerusalem to SUFFER – CRUCIFIXION
- They have missed this message now 3 time
- They still think in their minds HE is headed there to RULE and REIGN

- **So let Jockey for position**

- The place of honor was the seat on the right.
 - The place of second honor was the seat on the left
 - (1 Kings 2:19, Psalm 110:1).
 - They are asking for Jesus to guarantee them the number one and two spots in Jesus’ government.
 - They are still looking for an EARTHLY Kingdom – They have completely missed the CROSS

- **Third: Jesus’ Reply vs. 38-41**

- **1st You do not know what you ask v. 38**

Mark 10:38 (NKJV)

38 But Jesus said to them, “*You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*”

- **They had NO IDEA what they had asked for**

- So - Jesus Asks
 - Are you Able to Drink the cup – be baptized

- This speaks of His Suffering and Death!
- James and John seem to be drawn to the glory
 - But I'm not sure they realize that there's a connection in God's eyes between glory and suffering!
- **2nd You WILL Indeed drink the cup that I drink vs. 39-41**

Mark 10:39–41 (NKJV)

39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "*You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;*

40 *but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."*

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

▪ **You Will Indeed**

- Both James and John will indeed SUFFER
- They each experienced the suffering in different ways.

▪ **But to Sit on MY Right or Left Hand**

- This is not a place that Jesus can give them

▪ **The Ten heard and began to be greatly displeased**

- Most likely because James and John beat them to it!

▪ **Suffering is indeed a part of Greatness in the kingdom**

- All the Disciples SUFFERED
 - James was the first apostle to be martyred (Acts 12:1-2)

Acts 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

- John was never martyred
 - Though he survived an attempted murder by immersion in a vat of boiling oil (according to reasonably reliable church history).
- How The Disciples / Apostles of the Bible Died
 - Disclaimer: Other than Judas & John, these are not Scriptural. Some are historical, some passed down by Christian traditions and are consistent with how they would have been treated in their time.
 - Andrew: (brother of Peter) Martyrdom by crucifixion (bound, not nailed, to an "X-shaped" cross) at Patræ, Achaia [southern Greece]. Hung alive for two days, exhorting spectators all the while.
 - Bartholomew (Nathaniel): Martyrdom by being skinned alive and crucified, head downward by the idolaters of Armenia (Western Asia near Turkey). The most travelled of the Disciples after Jesus death, Preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia [Iraq], Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, Arabia and India.
 - James the Greater (son of Zebedee / brother of John) Beheaded or stabbed with a sword by Herod Agrippa around 44 AD near Palestine and not far from where he was a local missionary to the Jews in Judea. His accuser was converted by James' courage & the two were beheaded together.
 - James the Lesser [son of Alphaeus]: Was first Bishop of Jerusalem Martyred in his early 90's by being thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple at

Jerusalem , then stoned and head bashed in with club.

- John (The Beloved) (son of Zebedee / brother of James) : Natural Death The only apostle who did not meet a martyrs death. Banished by Roman Emperor Domitian to Isle of Patmos where penned Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Was later freed & went to preach in Turkey and died at 100.
- Jude (Thaddeus) : Wrote Book of Jude. Martyred by being beaten with a club then crucified 72AD at city of Edessa [Turkey] while on a missionary trip that went to Persia (Iran).
- Matthew (Levi) Martyred about 60 AD by being staked and speared to the ground. Preached the Gospel in Ethiopia (Africa) and was killed for questioning the morals of the king.
- Simon Peter (The Rock /Petra): Martyrdom by crucifixion at Rome by Nero. Crucified around 68 AD up-side-down at his request because he did consider himself worthy to be crucified like Jesus.
- Philip: Said to have been tortured, impaled by iron hooks in his ankles and hung upside down to die. preaching to death 54 AD in Heliopolis, Egypt. Preached in Phrygia which was in the Roman Province of Asia near Ephesus [Turkey].
- Simon [The Canaanite] Called "The Zealot" because he was associated with that sect. Thought to have ministered mostly in Jordan. Martyred by crucifixion in Britain in 74AD and then sawn in half.
- Thomas [Didymus] : Martyred thrust through by spear in India Preached the Gospel in Parthia [Iran] and in Kerala, [southern India] where yet today the Mar Thoma Church exists.

- Mark (John Mark): Was dictated to writing the Book of Mark. Martyred - dragged to death.
- Luke: The Physician. Wrote Luke and The Acts. Was hanged on an olive tree,
- Matthias [Disciple who filled the place of Judas Acts 1:20-26 Was stoned and beheaded at Jerusalem.
- Apostle Paul (Saul): Wrote half of the New Testament was beheaded by Emperor Nero at Rome.
- James (The half-brother of Jesus): Thrown some 100 feet off a wall - done to him after he repeatedly refused to deny his faith in Jesus. He survived the fall and was beat him to death with clubs.
- **3rd Application**
 - The Christian Walk will Involve SUFFERING
 - Reasons for Suffering
 - 2 Reasons for Suffering
 - 1st We do it to Ourselves – SIN
 - 2nd We are living for Jesus
 - Suffering For Christ
 - *Don McClure; “If you have not found something you’re willing to die for, you still have not found a reason to live, and you still don’t know why your here!”*
 - Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

John 15:20 (NKJV)

20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

1 Peter 2:21–25 (NKJV)

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1 Peter 4:12–19 (NKJV)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV)

10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

- Following Jesus means we will suffer
 - Many ways

It Involves Serving vs. 42-45

- **First: The Way The World Operates v. 42**

- **1st Those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them v. 42**

Mark 10:42 (NKJV)

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, *“You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.*

- **The WORLD**

- Leads the opposite way
 - RULE over
 - Lord Over
 - Rule with an iron fist
 - He who is on top WINS

- **Second: The Way Of Jesus vs. 43-44**

- **1st Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant vs. 43-44**

Mark 10:43–44 (NKJV)

43 *Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.*

44 *And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.*

- **Humble Service**

- Is the greatest (and only) prerequisite, as displayed by Jesus’ own ministry.
- This MUST be our Model
- Modeled By Jesus in the Upper Room (John 13)

- **2nd Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve v.45a**

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

- The KEY Verse in Mark
- Serving MUST mark our lives
 - Serve Jesus
 - Serve Others
 - Real ministry is done for the benefit of those ministered to Not for the benefit of the minister
- **3rd Application – We are ALL Called to be a SERVANT or Bondservant**
 - Bondservant
 - Greek: Doulos
 - 125 occurrences; AV translates as “servant” 118 times, “bond” six times, and “bondman” once
 - Means:
 - A slave, bondman, man of submissive condition
 - One who gives himself up to another’s will
 - Those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men
 - Devoted to another to the disregard of one’s own interests.
 - In the Old Testament

- 1st Exodus 21
 - Briefly Explain
 - Every 6th year servant set free
 - If a person wanted to stay Ear Ring in his ear
 - Meant a SERVANT for LIFE – NO will of their own

▪ **In the New Testament**

- The word Doulos is used in reference to the following people:
 - 1st Moses - Rev. 15:3
 - 2nd Prophets - Rev. 10:7; 11:18
 - 3rd John - Rev. 1:1
 - 4th Jude - Jude 1
 - 5th Peter - II Peter 1:1
 - 6th James - James 1:1
 - 7th Epaphras - Col. 4:12
 - **8th All believers - Rev. 22:3**
 - 9th Paul - Romans 1:1
 - 10th JESUS - Phil. 2:7 - “Took upon Him the form of a servant”
 - Our Example
 - Philippians 2

- John 13
- The Garden
- The Cross

▪ **Being a Bondservant**

- Not Popular with the World
 - Jewish Rabbis said of Doulos
 - That it was one of the worst insults one man can hurl at another!
 - The Greeks who were proud of their freedom
 - Said that the word Doulos was the opposite of being free.
 - Plato and Aristotle said that it was a derogatory term.
- BUT In God's Kingdom
 - *Poole "A servant of Jesus Christ, is a higher title than monarch of the world."*

▪ **7 Characteristics Of a Bondservant**

▪ **1st He Obeys His Master Without Question**

- One who is under the authority
- Must obey, without question, the master's commands

Matthew 10:24 (NKJV)

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

John 13:16 (NKJV)

16 *Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.*

- (Matt. 8:9; 10:24; Luke 14:22; John 13:16; 15:20)

▪ **2nd He Belongs To His Master**

- One who was bought with a price (I Cor. 6:19-20)

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NKJV)

19 *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

20 *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

- Owned by the master (1 Cor. 7:22-23)
 - The Doulos
 - Could not Own property
 - Even his family did not belong to him, and no genealogies were kept.
 - Important to remember - Bondservants
 - LOVE God First
 - Family Second
 - Our Families belong to GOD
 - Want to love your family the right way
 - LOVE GOD FIRST

▪ **3rd He HONORS his Master**

- One who is required to honor his master at all times –

1 Timothy 6:1 (NKJV)

1 Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

- Honor God NOT just with our lips BUT our HEARTS & LIFE
 - (1 Tim. 6:1; Rev. 19:5)
- **4th He Never Argues With His Master**
- One who never strives or disagrees with his master or questions his instructions

Titus 2:9 (NKJV)

9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,

- (2 Tim. 2:24; Titus 2:9)
- **5th He Does What He Is Commanded To Do**
- Regardless of any Appreciation he might receive

Luke 17:10 (NKJV)

10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

- (Luke 17:5-10)
- **6th He Accepts Full Responsibility For What The Master Has Entrusted To Him**
- He has CALLED us to be a witness for HIM
 - He has CALLED us to SERVE HIM
 - Parable of the Talents – Use what God has given you!

- (Matthew 25:14, 21, 23)
- **7th He Desires To Please His Master ALONE**
 - Are we LIVING to please ONLY GOD?

Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

- (Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25)
- **WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE BONDSERVANTS**

• Third: The Wonder Of Jesus' Example v. 45

- **1st And to give His life a ransom for many v. 45b**

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give His life a ransom for many.**

- Ransom –
 - Greek: Lutron –
 - Means: The price for redeeming; the price to purchase a slave and set him free.
- We were slaves to sin.
 - Jesus came to die on a cross and pay the price to purchase us and set us free.
 - Peter uses this word to tell us what we were redeemed with

1 Peter 1:18–19 (NKJV)

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

It Involves Strong Faith vs. 46-52

- **First: His Condition v. 46**

- **1st Now They Came to Jericho v. 46**

Mark 10:46 (NKJV)

46 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.

- **Bartimaeus –**

- His name means “son of Timaeus”.
- The fact that Mark gives us his name might indicate that Bart was known by the folks in the early church.

- **Timaeus –**

- The name comes from an Aramaic word tame’ which means “unclean, impure”

- **Sat by the road begging**

- How they made a living in that day

- **Second: His Crying out vs. 47-48**

- **1st He cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

Mark 10:47–48 (NKJV)

47 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!”

48 *Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

▪ **Jesus Son Of David**

- This is the first time in the gospel of Mark that anyone has called Jesus the “Son of David”.
- He’s saying that Jesus has the right to the throne of Israel.
- He recognizes Jesus as the Messiah.
- The coming of the Messiah means that blind people will see (Is. 35:5).

▪ **Blind Bartimaeus**

- Warned (Charged)
 - Greek: epitimao –
 - Means: rebuke, reprove. They’re pretty rough with the fellow.
- But he Didn’t have much tact
 - But after all, he’s a nuisance.
 - He’s not cool. He’s an “unclean” guy.
 - They want him to shut up and go away.
 - Yet the more they try to silence him, the louder he cries.
 - Jesus is walking by him and he doesn’t want to miss his chance.
 - He knows that the only hope for him to see is for Jesus to heal him.

- **Third: His Confidence In Jesus vs. 49-52**

- **1st What do you want Me to do for you? v. 49-51a**

Mark 10:49–51 (NKJV)

49 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.”

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51 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.”

- It might seem that the need of Bartimaeus was obvious.

- Yet Jesus had a deliberate purpose in the question.
- To draw him out – to show that He will meet his needs

- **2nd Rabboni, that I may receive my sight: v. 51b**

Mark 10:51 (NKJV)

51 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.”

- The title Rabboni

- Is a strengthened form of ‘Rabbi
- It means MY LORD / MY MASTER
- When Bartimaeus said this
 - He expressed his humble submission towards Jesus
 - His FULL Weight of his FAITH was / is ON JESUS

- **3rd Go your way; your faith has made you well v. 52**

Mark 10:52 (NKJV)

52 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.

▪ **HIS FAITH in Jesus SAVED HIM**

- It was faith that was determined to reach Jesus (he cried out all the more).
- It was faith that knew who Jesus was (Son of David).
- It was faith that came humbly to Jesus (have mercy on me).
- It was faith that humbly submitted to Jesus (Rabboni).
- It was faith that could tell Jesus what it wanted (that I may receive my sight).

▪ **Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus**

- Now healed and saved, blind Bartimaeus then followed Jesus.

Closing

- Greatness in God's Kingdom
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