

What Do You Want Jesus to Do For You? (Mark 10:46-52)

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Lectio Divina Rhythms/Process (Repeat three times):

- (a) Read the Scripture passage ("Lectio")
- (b) Reflect on the focus question below ("Meditatio")
- (c) Respond in quiet prayer/journaling ("Oratio")
- (d) Rest in God's invitation for you then pray/share out loud if you want ("Contemplatio")

Introduction: Your heart is your spirit or will. Jeremiah laments that the heart of people is deceitful and beyond cure, but the LORD says to him that he'll give his people a new heart to know and follow him (Jeremiah 17:9, 24:7; see also Ezekiel 36:26). So in the Gospel of Mark Jesus asks his apostles about their heart: "What do you want me to do for you?" Each of them want to be the greatest. (Mark 9:33-41; 10:35-45) Then Jesus asks blind Bartimaeus the same question. The beggar just wants to see and follow Jesus and so the Lord heals him!

Opening Prayer: The LORD says, "I will give [you] a new heart to know me." (Jeremiah 24:7)

Read Scripture: Mark 10 (NIV)

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "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!"

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

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

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

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

1st Reading: What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? Meditate on that.

2nd Reading: Enter into the Scripture passage. What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

3rd Reading: What is God's personal invitation for you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.