

Devotion: June 10, 2020

Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

It's not that I'm too proud to ask for help. I just don't want to trouble other people and affect them with my negativity. I'd rather suffer by myself, so everyone else can be happy.--Unknown.

Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help and brave enough to ask for it.--Unknown.

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.--Chinese fortune cookie.

Yes, you can do it yourself. But you don't have to.--Unknown.

Jesus: "What do you want me to do for you?"

Bartimaeus: "My teacher, let me see again"

"What do you want me to do for you?" Can you imagine Jesus asking you that question? What would be your response? What are your deepest needs that you haven't asked Jesus or anyone else to help you with? How might you take a leap of faith and ask, believing that you can receive all that you need and more?

Jesus tells Bartimaeus, "Go; your faith has made you well" (v. 52). Faith can make us well, too. We may not receive precisely what we want, but we can be assured that Jesus is ready to supply our need. Faith is the catalyst for asking, and asking is the key to healing!

We live in a world that has fallen, and can't get up on its own. We've fallen, too, and there are times that we need help in order to stand again. Let us not be afraid to ask, to have faith, and to be grateful to the God who supplies all our needs, and be thankful for the people who are ready to help us on God's behalf!

Let us pray:

*Spirit of truth
Whom the world can never grasp,
Touch our hearts
With the shock of your coming;
Fill us with desire
For your disturbing peace;
And fire us with longing
To speak your uncontainable word
Through Jesus Christ. Amen. --Janet Morley*