

New Revised Standard Version

21st Century King James Version

The Bible: Retold

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<sup>46</sup>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. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup>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.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup>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.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

<sup>46</sup>And they came to Jericho. And as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the wayside begging. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried out all the more, “Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup>And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, “Be of good comfort; rise; He calleth thee.” <sup>50</sup>And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, “What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” The blind man said unto Him, “Lord, that I might receive my sight.” <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said unto him, “Go thy way. Thy faith hath made thee whole.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

<sup>46</sup>Jesus went to spread the good news in Jericho. And as he was leaving, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was standing beside the road.

**Bartimaeus:** *(shaking a cup with loose change)* Spare some change for a blind man?

<sup>47</sup>**Stranger:** *(walking over and putting a bill into Bartimaeus’ cup)* Here you go, brother. *(pointing toward where Jesus is passing by)* Isn’t that Jesus of Nazareth?

**Bartimaeus:** *(standing taller and dropping his cup)* Where? Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me!

<sup>48</sup>**Stranger:** *(pushing Bartimaeus back)* Hold on, hold on. It’s Jesus. You can’t walk over to him like that. Besides, you’re filthy and you stink.

<sup>49-50</sup>**Bartimaeus:** *(with the stranger trying to hold him back)* Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me! *(he walks then falls and crawls to where he hears Jesus)*

<sup>51</sup>**Jesus:** *(speaking to Bartimaeus who has fallen and is now kneeling at his feet)* What would you like me to do for you?

**Bartimaeus:** I wanna see.

<sup>52</sup>**Jesus:** You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith.

*(Looking around, Bartimaeus stands up and follows Jesus.)*

## Mark 10:46-52

1. Verses 46-48: Verse 9:33 says “they came to Capernaum,” verse 10:1 puts them in “the region in Judea and beyond the Jordan,” verse 10:22 says “they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem,” and verse 11:1 says “they were approaching Jerusalem.” Where are they when this event with Bartimaeus takes place?
2. Set the scene. Where are Jesus, the disciples, the crowds, and Bartimaeus? What obstacles must Bartimaeus overcome to get Jesus’ attention? How does he try to overcome these obstacles?
3. What is the reaction of some in the crowd to Bartimaeus’ actions? Why do they react this way? Is their reaction reasonable? Why or why not? Have you ever seen – or perhaps even been part of – a crowd that acts this way?
4. What effect does their reaction have on Bartimaeus? Why?
5. Verses 49-50: What does Jesus do? Why? Who does “they” refer to? What do “they” do?
6. Looking at verse 50, one version says, “Throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus,” while the other says, “And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus.” In your mind’s eye, how do you imagine Bartimaeus acting?
7. Verses 51-52: What does Jesus ask and what does Bartimaeus reply? Why does Jesus ask?
8. What thing does Jesus say has given Bartimaeus back his sight? What actions has Bartimaeus taken to demonstrate this ‘thing’ at work?
9. When does Bartimaeus receive his sight back? Does this timing clarify anything about why Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted in verse 51?
10. In one translation Jesus tells Bartimaeus that “your faith has made you well” and in the other that “your faith hath made thee whole.” Is there any significance to these concept of wellness and wholeness?
11. How does this passage address the question many people ask, “If God knows what I want, if God knows what I need, why do I have to ask?”
12. Are there times when you have been like Bartimaeus? Are there times when those around you have been like the strangers in the crowd who try to silence you? What do you do in the midst of those times?

If God knows what I want, why do I have to ask?



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**We Fall Down**, by Donnie McClurkin

We fall down, but we get up.  
We fall down, but we get up.  
We fall down, but we get up, oh yes.  
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down,  
But we couldn't stay there, and got up.

Sing out!  
We fall down, but we get up.  
We fall down, but we get up.  
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down – and got up.  
Sometimes we fall, but we get back up again.

Sometimes we fall, but we get back up again.  
If you fall, you can get back up again.  
He's full of mercy, you can't get up again.  
It's not too late, no matter what you think.  
For a saint is just a sinner who fell down – and got up.