



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 18: 35-43

As Jesus approached Jericho
a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging,
and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening.
They told him,
"Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."
He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"
The people walking in front rebuked him,
telling him to be silent,
but he kept calling out all the more,
"Son of David, have pity on me!"
Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him;
and when he came near, Jesus asked him,
"What do you want me to do for you?"
He replied, "Lord, please let me see."
Jesus told him, "Have sight; your faith has saved you."
He immediately received his sight
and followed him, giving glory to God.
When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did the men walking in front of Jesus try to stop the blind man from calling out to Jesus? They were clueless and faithless. For them in their arrogance Jesus was simply a miracle worker who was much too busy to be bothered by a poor blind beggar. Jesus had places to go and important people to see. Where Jesus was headed, Jerusalem, should have spoken volumes to them about who exactly Jesus was. Jerusalem was His city of destiny, the place where He was going to suffer and die for His people, including the blind beggar. Of course he was worthy of Jesus' attention and Jesus proved that by taking the time to stop and heal the man. Please remember, Jesus is never too busy for you either.

Food for your Journey

Flannery O'Connor was once asked why, in her short-story fiction, she created such freakish characters. She responded, "To the almost blind, you must draw very large, and to the almost deaf, you must shout loud."

—Mark A. Buchanan, "Rabbit trails to God," Christianity Today, July 2003, 44.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are the Lord of mercy and compassion. You are always attentive to our pleading. Keep our faith in You strong. May we always trust in Your desire to help and save us. Amen