

# When Life Overwhelms Us!

Mark 10:46-52

[Learning How To Ask in Faith]

Blind Bartimaeus

#### Mark 10:46 (KJV)

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 highway side begging.

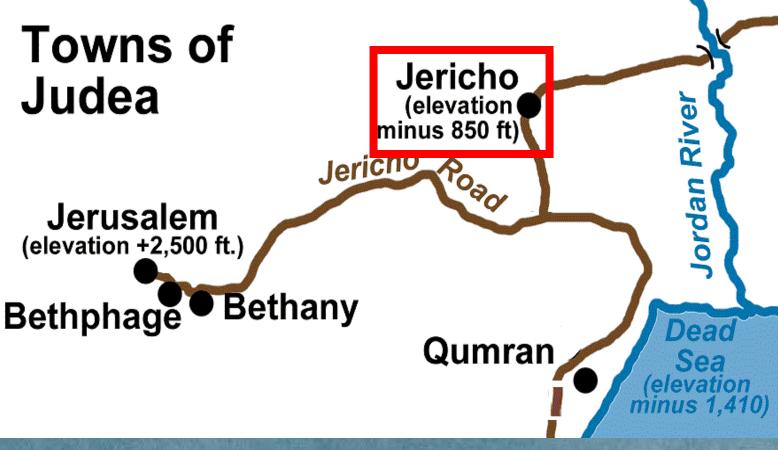
#### Mark 10:46 (TEV)

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho, and as Jesus was leaving with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting by the road.



Blindness and diseases of the eye were common maladies in the ancient world. Probably the most common eye disease in Palestine and Egypt was <u>purulent ophthalmia</u>, a highly infectious inflammation of the conjunctivae, propagated largely by flies that could land on a sleeping infant's eyes at night and cause an infection. When severe, this could cause the cornea to become opaque. Of course, other eye diseases could cause blindness, as well.<sup>791</sup>





The name <u>Jericho means to smell</u>; it was given that unusual name because of the rose gardens all over the city as well as the balsam, cypress, and other fragrant bushes.

#### Mark 10:47 (KJV)

<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.

#### Mark 10:47 (TEV)

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"

#### Mark 10:48 (KJV)

<sup>48</sup> And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

#### Mark 10:48 (TEV)

<sup>48</sup> Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

#### Mark 10:49 (KJV)

<sup>49</sup> And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

#### Mark 10:49 (TEV)

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up!" they said. "Get up, he is calling you."

#### Mark 10:50 (KJV)

<sup>50</sup> And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

#### Mark 10:50 (TEV)

50 So he threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

#### Mark 10:51 (KJV)

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.

#### Mark 10:51 (TEV)

<sup>51</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. "Teacher," the blind man answered, "I want to see again."

#### Mark 10:52 (KJV)

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.

#### Mark 10:52 (TEV)

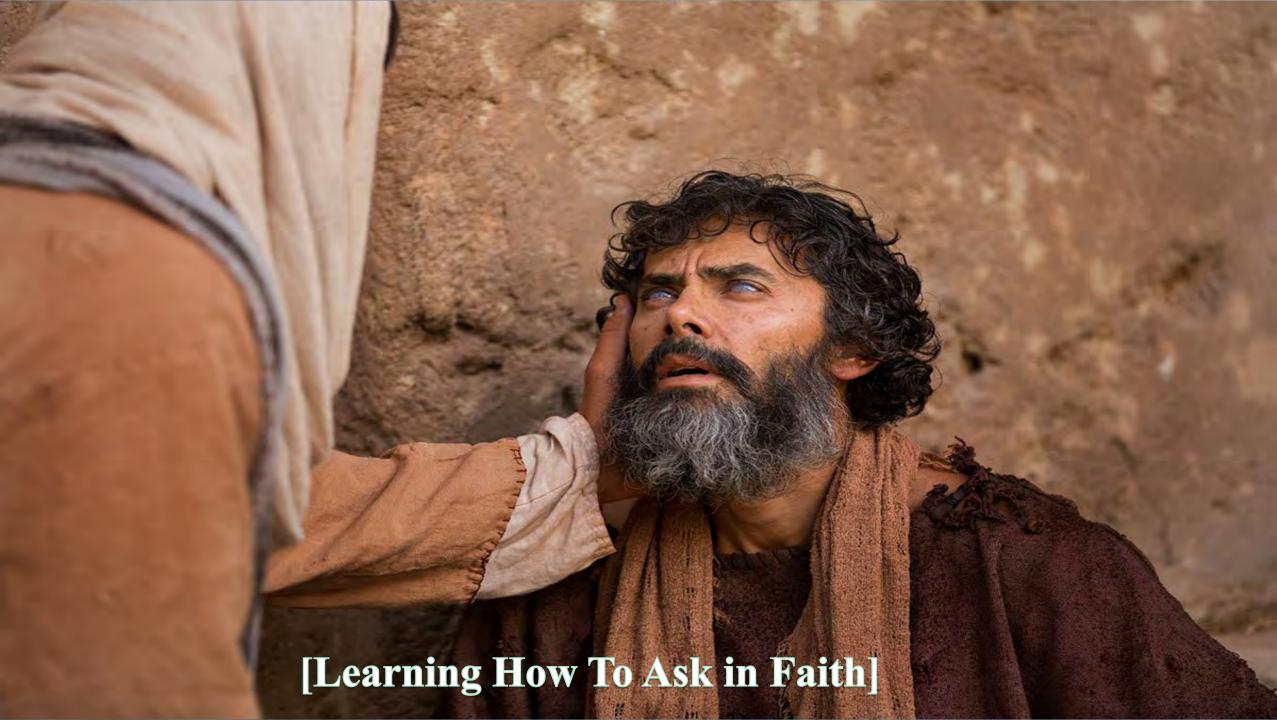
<sup>52</sup> "Go," Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well." At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.

In prayer, the act of asking is an act of faith.

James 4:2

You have not because you ask not.

## I. THE CONDITION OF THE MAN (10:46)

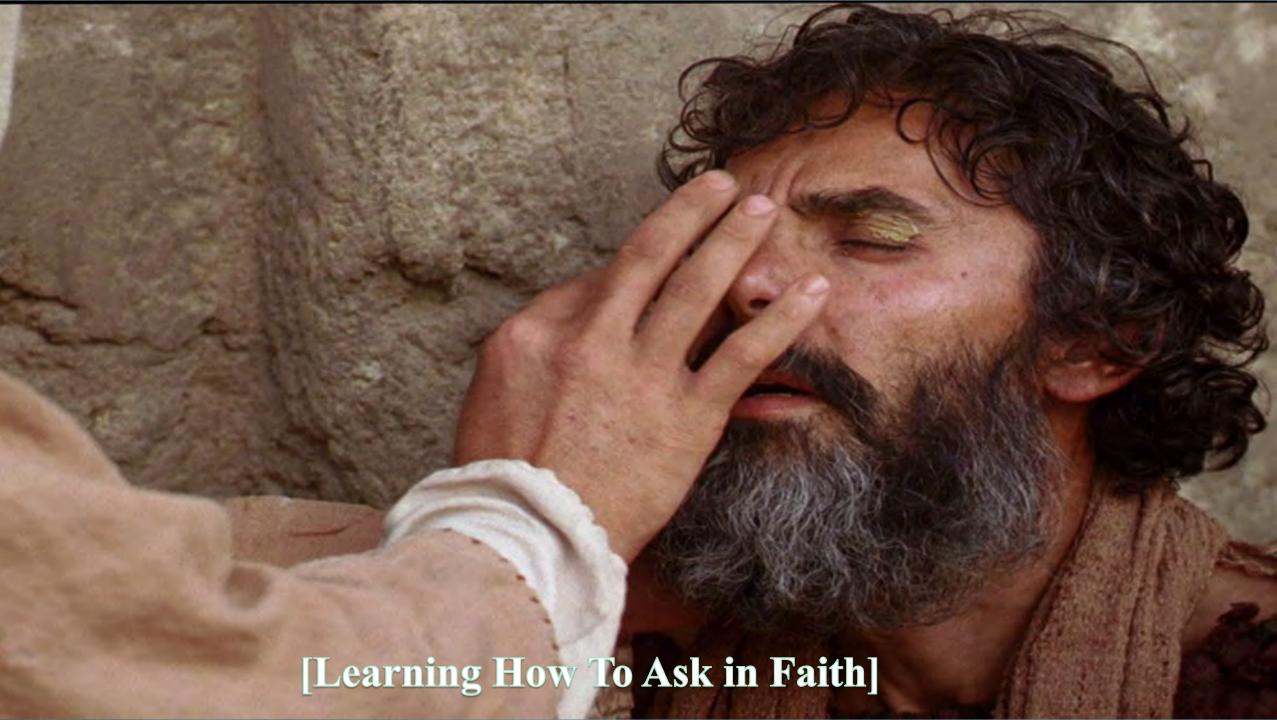


Turn to God as a first result, not a last result.

Matthew 7:7

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

### II. THE CRY FOR MERCY (10:47-48)



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

## III. THE COMMAND OF THE MASTER (10:49-52)

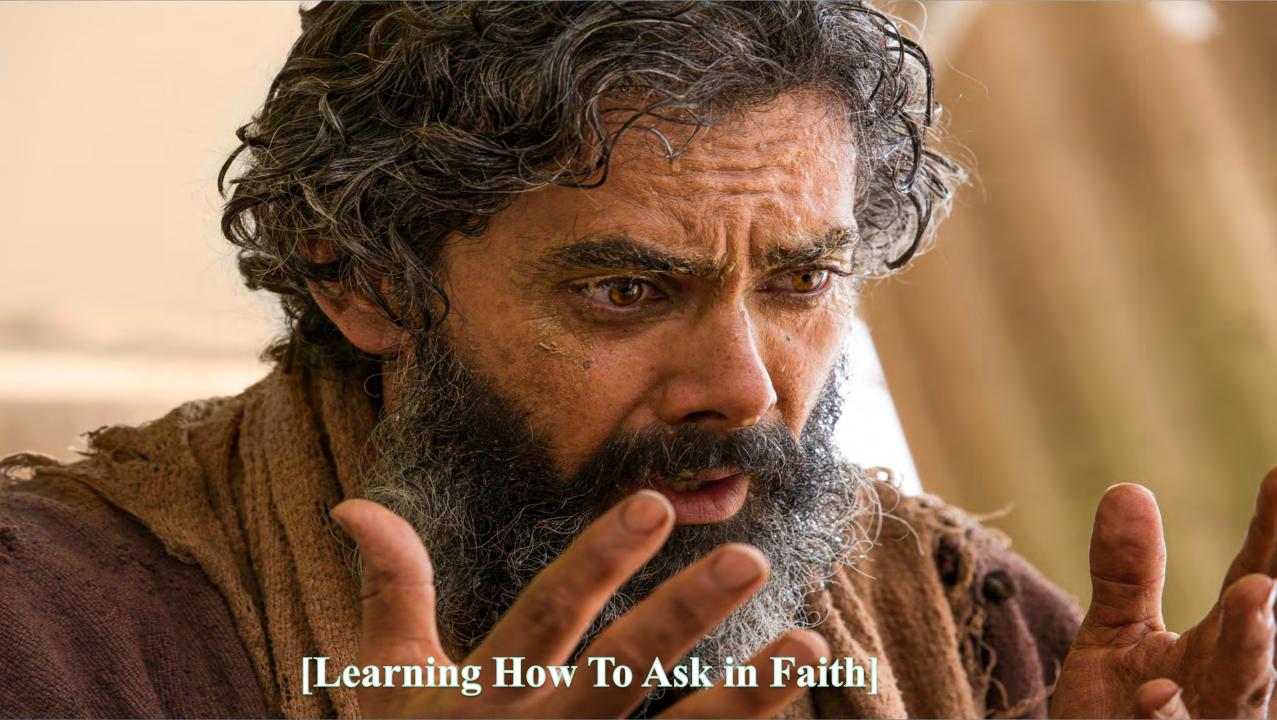
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51 "What do you want me to do for you?"

- Bartimaeus knew exactly what he wanted.

- Bartimaeus asked for it all.

The size of your faith is revealed by the size of your prayers.

Mark 10 52 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.





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