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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Meet the God/Man, Jesus Series, Lesson 41

Lesson Title: Jesus – The Way

Take Home Point: Jesus is the way, and you can see him work in your life.

Warm-Up:

George Mueller founded and administered an orphanage in England in the 1800s. Food and money were hard to come by, but Mueller prayed frequently and fervently for God to supply, believing that he would. One evening there was nothing to eat in the orphanage as the children sat down at the tables. Mueller thanked God for the food he gave them. At that moment there was a knock at the door. A grocer stood there; he said he felt God prompting him to give a large quantity of bread to the orphanage! No sooner had he delivered his food than another knock came. A milk wagon had broken down on the road, and rather than let the milk spoil, the farmer wondered if the children could use it!

Read: Mark 10:46-52

Observation (What happened?):

What did Jesus ask Bartimaeus when the blind man came to him?

What did Bartimaeus do after Jesus restored his sight?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why do you think so many people told Bartimaeus to stop shouting for Jesus the Son of David?

What did Jesus mean when he told Bartimaeus that his faith had made him well?

Insight:

So, what did Jesus mean when he told Bartimaeus that his faith made him well? Did Bartimaeus heal himself? Of course not. Did Bartimaeus have some specific “quantity” of faith that allowed him to see? No. It was not his level of confidence that restored his sight; it was the one in whom he placed his confidence. I can have all the confidence in the world that I can leap from the top of a building and not get hurt, but that confidence is woefully misplaced. Throughout his ministry, Jesus worked miracles based on the faith of those involved. It was never because he was unable to heal, but because “whoever goes to God must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6) Jesus responded to faith that accepted him as God’s messenger, not as a cure-all for momentary discomforts. We typically trust the makers of items that we own to be able to know how to fix them when something goes wrong. How much more can we trust the maker of our spirit to know what we need!

Application (What does it mean to me?):

How has God worked in your life this week? What is he teaching you, healing in you, or asking you to do?

When was the last time you went to Jesus asking him to do something for you?