

Family Devotional

From March 12, 2017

Try this: How well you can draw without seeing? Get a piece of paper for each person in your group, crayons or colored pencils and something to use as a blindfold. Have one person put the blindfold on and then tell them something to draw. You can make it as simple or complex as you want. Now who is up to the challenge? Give each person that wants a chance to try it out!

Our physical sight is so valuable, but let's read a story about a blind man who had a clearer vision of who Jesus is than most people who could see!

Read: Mark 10:46-52

Reflect:

When Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming what did he shout?
Do you think he asked everyone to have mercy on him?
Why do you think he asked Jesus this question?
Why were people telling Bartimaeus not to call out to Jesus?
How did Bartimaeus respond to their rebukes?
How did Jesus respond to Bartimaeus?

Would you ask your friend who doesn't have a driver's license or a car to drive you to a movie? Why or not? Who would you ask?

When Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted from Him, Bartimaeus boldly said, "Rabbi, I want to see." He was recognizing the power and authority Jesus had to grant him that request. We don't usually ask someone for something when we don't believe they have the authority or ability to give it to us. We ask the one who can.

Now, part of recognizing that authority means they can also tell us no. However, when we are asking someone like our parents, or our Heavenly Father, we can trust that they are responding out of love and because they know what is best for us.

Jesus wants to have the kind of relationship with us where we are comfortable asking for what we need and what we want, but where we also recognize He is our ultimate king and authority, responding in our best interest!

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Mark 10:52 this week.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you wanting relationship with us. Help us to make you king of our life and to respect your authority.Amen."