

### WARM-UP

- Have you ever tried walking with a blindfold on? How did it feel?
- Was there a time you asked for something repeatedly and was told to stop? Tell us about it.
- Have you ever witnessed something you thought was impossible to happen? How did you react?

**WORD** *<sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. LUKE 18:42,43*

(Read also **LUKE 18:35-41**.)

There are areas in our lives that need healing from God. And sometimes, the healing doesn't take place right away; discouragement comes and steals our hope as we wait. In this story, we will look at how a blind beggar—in spite of his disability and the people trying to silence him—relentlessly called out to Jesus.

## 1 | The blind beggar persistently asked for mercy.

<sup>38</sup>And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

**LUKE 18:38,39**

Despite not seeing Jesus, the blind beggar persistently called out to Him and boldly asked for healing. In the same way, we can call out to God and ask for His grace wherever we are and whatever our situation may be. Were there situations in the past that prevented you from steadfastly coming to God? How were you able to overcome those situations?

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## 2 | Jesus healed the blind beggar.

<sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. **LUKE 18:42,43**

Right then and there, the blind beggar recovered his sight. While others tried to stop him from calling out to Jesus, Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to where He was (Luke 18:40). Like the blind beggar, when we call out to Jesus, He is always ready and available to hear us. Was there a time you didn't want to come to God for fear that He won't hear you? What does 1 John 5:14 say?

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## The crowd praised God for the miracle Jesus had done.

*And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.* **LUKE 18:43**

What Jesus did for the blind beggar is a testimony that can be shared over and over again, not just by him, but even by the people who witnessed what happened. Like the blind beggar, we can be bold in praising God and in sharing what He has done in our lives. How has your life been a testimony of God's goodness and power? How have you intentionally shared this with others?

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### APPLICATION

- Are there things that you have been praying to God for that He hasn't answered yet? What can you do to keep on praying and growing in faith?
- Are there people you know who are in need of healing? How can you minister to them this week?
- What is your personal testimony? What can you do so other people will know more about Christ?

