***Can I See Clearly Now?***

Mark 10:46-52

*If you could ask Jesus to do one thing for you, what would it be?*

**Blind Bartimaeus Sees Himself Clearly.**

*Who is standing between me and Jesus?*

*Who am I hindering from coming to Jesus?*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

The Jesus Prayer of the Eastern Orthodox Church

*Better to be blind and see with your heart,*

*than to have two good eyes and see nothing.*

Helen Keller

*There is none so blind as he who will not see*.

Ray Stevens, *Everything is Beautiful*

*What are my blind spots?*

**Revelation 3:17-18 (NIV)**   
17  You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18  I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, *so you can see*.

**1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)**   
Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

**Blind Bartimaeus Sees Jesus Clearly.**

**Romans 10:9 (HCSB)**   
If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Blind Bartimaeus Acts Decisively.**

*How do I handle my blind spots?*

* Settle with the struggle

**John 5:6** “Do you want to get well?”

* Silence
* Shout to the Lord!

*James and John were interested in* ***promotion****. The crowd was interested in* ***demotion****. Bartimaeus caused a* ***commotion***

*that ended in his* ***devotion****!*

*Is my faith propositional or personal?*

*God could have done nothing better for me than to give me blindness. Because by my blindness he has shut me in with himself and I have learned more about the love of Jesus than if I could see*.

Hymn-writer Fanny Crosby

*With Jesus, my limitations are not liabilities.*

**John 1:12 (NIV)**   
… *to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God*--