



SERMON NOTES

Help!

**When others help us not only are we blessed,
but the helper is blessed also.**

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Mark 10:46-52 (TLB)

⁴⁶ And so they reached Jericho. Later, as they left town, a great crowd was following. Now it happened that a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. ⁴⁷ When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus from Nazareth was near, he began to shout out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ "Shut up!" some of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted the louder, again and again, "O Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ When Jesus heard him, he stopped there in the road and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "You lucky fellow," they said, "come on, he's calling you!" ⁵⁰ Bartimaeus yanked off his old coat and flung it aside, jumped up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "O Teacher," the blind man said, "I want to see!" ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "All right, it's done. Your faith has healed you." And instantly the blind man could see and followed Jesus down the road!

Reasons We Avoid Help

- We were never taught how to ask for help
- We love our independence
- We don't think to ask
- It's easier to do it ourselves
- We're afraid to ask

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1. THE CRY

Mark 10:47 (TLB)

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The Biblical Practice of Shouting

Psalms 47:1 (NKJV)

¹ Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

4 Benefits of Shouting

1. Shouting focuses your faith.
2. It mutes your doubts & fears.
3. It intensifies resolve.
4. It intimidates Satan.

2. THE CRITICISM

Mark 10:48 (TLB)

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3. THE CALLING

Mark 10:49 (TLB)

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