

JESUS CHRIST

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Mark 10:46-52



And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with His Disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have Mercy on me. 48. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 49. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. 51. And Jesus answered and said unto him, what wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52. And Jesus said unto him, go thy way; thy Faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

This is the Story that you know very well. Those of you who have the opportunity of having Morning Devotion with me on Wednesday (16th November 2022); you remembered that we used the same Passage but the attention was on something else that day. I want us to look at this Story briefly tonight and see if we can learn one (1) or two (2) things there:

1. The first thing that we need to remember is that Jesus Christ is the Light. In John 9:5, Jesus Christ said: As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world. So, when Jesus Christ came to Jericho, and He didn't do anything in Jericho. Because He came to Jericho and as he was leaving Jericho; He was looking for

Somebody. And I believed that the Almighty God is looking for Someone tonight - Amen. When He found that Man as He was Passing by; because He happens to be the Light of the world, He Changed the Night of that Man to Day! I'm believing God that by the time the Sun rises tomorrow; you won't be the same Person again - Amen! Now, when the Light Passes by you, He Changes your Night to Day - Meaning according to Psalms 30:5 that says that: Weeping may endure for the Night but Joy comes in the Morning. If the Light of the world should Pass by you tonight; if you

are the one He came for - It means that your weeping ends tonight (Amen) and your Joy begins now (Amen). Why? - Because Psalms 16:11 tells us that in His Presence, there is the Fullness of Joy. In Luke 7: 11-15; the Bible tells us the Story of a woman that we referred to as the Widow of Nain. The woman who knew sorrow, the woman who has lost her husband and was confronting herself with the only son and then the "Bad Devil" saw many families with several children but went to the house of a Widow to kill the only son.

Nobody needs to tell you that - That woman was in sorrow as she was on the way to the Burial Ground. But the Light Paid her a visit and the Journey to the Graveyard was terminated. May I interject at this Stage and say: There is Someone reading this message here - From today onwards, you will never weep again (Amen). Because the Light met this Widow on the way and the Journey to the Graveyard was terminated and then she went back home dancing all the way home. In the Name that is above every other names, by the time you leave here in the Morning; you will be dancing home - Amen!

2. And then, using Bartimaeus as our Example - If the Light Passes by you, begging ends and Giving begins. Because Bartimaeus was a Beggar but he never begged again. I don't know how God will do it but just like the Young Man who took the Offering said - The Destiny of your Business is going to be repaired tonight (Amen). Begging ends and Giving begins means that: Not Enough come to an end and Surplus begins.

In 1 Kings 17: 8-16; there was another Widow

who had only one Meal left. And then the Servant of the Light Paid her a visit and from that day onwards, she always had Enough. There is another Story in 2 Kings 4: 1-7 - Again the Story of a Widow who was bankrupt and they were going to foreclose on her (That is in your own Language here "Foreclose"). And she ran to the Servant of the Light. By the end of the Day, she had Paid her debt and she had more than enough for the rest of her Life.

In John 6: 5-13; when there was a crowd to be fed by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Disciples said that all we have is five (5) loaves of Bread and two (2) Fishes. They added: What is this among so many - This cannot be Enough. By the time the Light finished with the situation; there was a Surplus of twelve (12) Extra Baskets. I hope that you will believed me when I say that in a way that you cannot explain; God is going to Pay your debts - Amen!

One of my Partners came to a Partner's Meeting in Nigeria. And this boy was heavily in debt. And the Word of God came and said: In a way that you cannot understand, God will Pay your debt and he shouted Amen. The following week, the Bank that he owed desperately sent for him - Young Man, how are you going to Pay your debts? And he said to them that you know that even if I Pay you a Million Naira (#1,000,000) for each Day that I have lived; I can't finish Paying this debt. So, you just have to be Patient with me. And the Chairman of the Bank looked at him and said - Young Man, your debt is Cancelled. I have Good News for Someone - It is going to be a New Beginning of Prosperity for you (Amen).

Let me tell you another Story - Several years ago, there was this small boy just like a "Puppy Dog" always following the Mum (That is mother) to Church. And because he looks so Chubby I took an interest in him. When I see him coming, I will smile. And then, he will Pull the Mum and said: Give me one Naira (#1). The mother will say: What for? I want to give it to daddy.

He will take one Naira (#1) from the mother and give it to me and I will thank him. Then one day, I Prophesied to him - My child one day, you are

going to buy me a Jet. And because he is a child, he doesn't reason how can it be; he just said Amen! And from that day onwards, every day he comes and give me the one Naira (#1) and he tells me that I am going to buy you a Jet. Years Passed, like children he grew up and left Nigeria and I didn't see him anymore - And I must tell you that I missed my one Naira (#1). Then one day after a Service like this, a boy came. He looked at me and said: Daddy, can you recognize me? I looked at him and said that your face looks familiar. He said that I am your one Naira (#1) boy! I can't buy you a Jet yet, but I have a Gift for you outside. I went outside to see the Gift - It is a Brand New Mercedes X-Class. So I looked at him and said: You are on the way my son!

Almost 2 years ago, he came to me and said: Daddy, I bidded for an "Oil Well" in Nigeria and I won one. I said: Ha, here comes my Jet! May I Prophecy to Someone tonight - You are going to buy me an Ocean-Land - Amen! Because when the Light Passes you by - Not Enough ends and Surplus begins!

3. When the Light of the world Passes you by, you cease to be a Burden and you become a Blessing. You must have been wondering why those People tried to shout down Bartimaeus - It was because he was a Burden and begging for Money from them. When they gave him Money, they were not happy because they could easily have spent the Money they gave him for something else. When they didn't give him, their conscience Pricked them. And this boy has been there all these years, causing trouble to them by begging. But the Day that the Light Passed by, he never begged again, he never became a Burden to anyone again from that day onwards. He ceased to be a Burden and he became a Blessing!

In Genesis 12: 1-3; you see the Plan of God for your Life through Abraham. When God was Blessing Abraham, he said that not only will I bless you; you will become a Blessing. And we are of the Seed of Abraham - What God Promised Abraham, is a Promise for you too,

In Marks 2: 1-12; the Bible tells us of the Man who was Paralyzed from neck downwards. His friends carried him to the Light of the world because where the Light is, automatically People will gather. And because they couldn't get Him easily, they broke the roof and drop him at the feet of Jesus Christ. But they didn't have to carry him anymore - He got up on his feet after he had an Encounter with the Light and he walked back home himself. And we are still reading about him today - His Story is still a Blessing to us. A Blessing that God can reverse

the Irreversible! May I Prophecy to Someone today - This is the Last Day that you will ever be a Burden (Amen). I'm sure that you have heard the Testimony of a Young Man when the Holy Ghost Service was going on at the Redemption Camp.

So his two (2) friends carried him in because he was completely Lame. By the time they get to the Camp, the Program had been on, Miracles already happening and the crowd was much.

So, they dropped him and said to him - Sir, we have brought you to the Campground, we will come back for you. And then, he said to God - God You see me! They have abandoned me here. And almost immediately, God spoke to me where I was Preaching and said: There is Someone here who said God You see me here. And God said that I should tell the Fellow - Yes, I have seen you and I will attend to you. Of course where he was, he knew that he was the one God was talking to - Just as Someone here knows that you are the one I'm talking to when I say that your sorrow ends today (Amen). In an attempt to leap for Joy; he suddenly discovered that he could leap, that he could Stand, Jump, Dance. And then the Program came to an end and his two (2) friends went to where they dropped him and they couldn't find him. So, he came behind them, tap them at their shoulders and said: Are you looking for me?

By tomorrow morning - All those who are looking for you and thinking that you are still a Beggar; they won't recognise you - Amen!

PROPHECY: The Lord says that there is Someone here tonight or reading now - He said that "The Odds" that Stand against you are many. He asked me to tell you: I will Clear them all - Amen!

4. When the Light of God Passes by; Reproach comes to an end and Testimonies begin.

Do you know what is called a Reproach? A Reproach is a Problem that you are ashamed of but you cannot hide it.

PROPHECY: I want to say Amen to this first before I tell you - Amen! My Daddy says that there is Someone here or reading now. He said that I should tell you that: He is the Sun of Righteousness and He will arise for you - Amen!

In 2 Kings 5: 1-14; the Bible tells us of Naaman - He was a Mighty Man of Valour, he was a Successful General, he was Wealthy, he was Influencer but he was a Leper. That "Single But" in his Life destroyed everything - That is what we called a Reproach! Do you know that it is in the Nature of Man to remember you by

your Reproach? Ask any Sunday School boy/girl - Who is Bartimaeus? They will say: The Blind Man! God had opened his eyes more than 2,000 years ago. But they won't say: The Man whose eyes were opened but they will say - Blind Bartimaeus.

I. When by the time that you should be married, you are still living with your Parents; that is what People will describe you by - Don't you know that Sister who by now should be Nursing the second or third child and she is yet unmarried? II. Don't you know that Man who could not hold down a job?... They described you by your Reproach - You have a Problem and you can't hide it. But when the Light comes by, Reproaches will vanish! Do you know that before the New Year; all the Reproaches in your Life is going to be gone - Amen?

In Marks 1: 40-45; the Bible talks about the Leper.

There was a Multitude and this Leper ran to Jesus Christ, fell at his feet and said: I know that You can do it - You can make me Clean. Whether or not that You will do it, that is what I don't know. The Bible says that Jesus Christ moved with Compassion broke the Rules - Touched him and made him Clean. Now, like I told those who were with me during that early Morning Devotion; the Mercy of God is His Wealth. The Mercy of God will move Him to break Protocol in order to help you. I don't know who I'm talking to - You don't deserve a Miracle but out of Mercy tonight; you will get a Miracle (Amen).

There was this Story - We are having a Holy Ghost Service at the National Stadium in Surulere (Lagos State, Nigeria). And there was a Man with a Big Goiter there - And if you have a Goiter, they will see your Goiter before they see you. And he was sitting next to a Sister. And the Word of God came and said: There is Somebody with a Growth in his throat and the Growth is gone. The Sister heard the Word - She has been glancing at the Goiter All-Night long. And so she turned to glance again and the Goiter was gone. She was so shaken because when the Service was over; she trekked several Miles before she remembered that she came to the Stadium in a car. That kind of Miracle that will frightened your Neighbour, you will get it tonight - Amen!