

Refocus – Part 4
What Do You Want?
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- Radical Refocus
- An ultimate spiritual makeover

Psalm 145:14 (MSG) "God gives a fresh start to those who are ready to quit."

Mark 10:46-52 (ESV) And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

What I Need to Make a Radical Change:

1st) I need to know my **LOCATION**.

Mark 10:46 (ESV) And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

- A great crowd with them
- Sitting by the roadside
- He's alone
- The good news is that you're not actually alone.

2 Cor. 12:7-10 (ESV) So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Paul's Location:

A) **PAIN**

2 Cor. 12:7 (ESV) So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh,

- Your pain can be physical
- Your pain can be emotional
- Your pain can be relational
- Your pain can be spiritual
- Your pain can be vocational

B) **PRAYER**

2 Cor. 12:8 (ESV) Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

- Pain will move you to prayer
- Pain will move you to the pigpen

Psalms 139:23-24 (NASB) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way."

C) **POWER**

2 Cor. 12:9a (ESV) But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Cor. 12:10b (ESV) For when I am weak, then I am strong.

D) **PRAISE**

2 Cor. 12:9b (ESV) Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- My location can help me find my destination

Mark 10:52b (ESV) And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

- That's a total refocus

2nd) I need to know who I'm **LISTENING** to.

Mark 10:47-48 (ESV) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- What you repeatedly hear, you eventually believe

Mark 4:24b (ESV) Pay attention to what you hear

- Shouting "be quiet" is a bit of a contradiction.

- He doesn't listen to the crowd, he hears the voice of Jesus.

Mark 10:49-50 (ESV) And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."

- *And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.*
- Are you listening to the crowd or are you listening to Jesus?

4 Differences Between the Crowd and Jesus

A) The Crowd **YELLS**: Jesus **WHISPERS**

- The only way to hear the whisper is to get away from the crowd

B) The Crowd is **RUDE**: Jesus is **GENTLE**

C) The Crowd is **FICKLE**: Jesus is **STABLE**

- The crowd goes with the crowd

D) The Crowd is **SELFISH**: Jesus is **GIVING**

3rd) I need to know what I really **WANT**.

Mark 10:51 (ESV) And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."

- What do you want me to do for you?
- What if what you say to him isn't what he wants in your life?

Mark 10:36-37 (NIV) "'What do you want me to do for you?' And they replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.'"

Mark 10:38 (ESV) "You don't know what you're asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I'm baptized with?"

- So what we think we want, isn't always what we really want
- Heaven
- I do want heaven I just don't want it now