I. Case Study: What Do You Want Me To Do For You?

Description: Why do we have to ask an all-knowing God for something that is obvious? Thoughts anyone?

As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. Now hearing a crowd going by, he began to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God. - Luke 18:35-43 NASU

1. Pitiful or Powerful: You can’t be both

   "...blind man was sitting by the road begging..."

   a. Benefits of being sick
      i. Attention
      ii. Sympathy
      iii. Days off from work
      iv. Reasons not to do something you previously committed to
      v. Free stuff
      vi. Service in bed

2. Ask someone who knows Jesus as healer

   "...he began to inquire what this was..."

   i. Find someone with the experience

3. Call out to God

   "...And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me..."

   "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. "With a long life I will satisfy him And let him see My salvation." - Psalms 91:15-16 NASU

4. Do not be led by someone who doesn’t believe.

   "...Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet..."

   And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? - Luke 6:39 NASU
• Be quiet about all this healing nonsense.
• Sit down and take your punishment of sickness you sinner.
• God has never healed me a faithful man of God, so why do you think He will heal you a sinner?
• You don’t tithe.
• You don’t show up every Sunday.
• Etc...

5. Be real with God

“...What do you want Me to do for you...”
“...And he said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight!...”

a. Tell Him what you want
b. Isn’t it obvious what I want? I am standing here blind.
c. Are you being religious? Or do you really mean: Jesus Son of David?
d. I just want more of you?
   i. What does that look like?
e. Can I really ask for something carnal?
   i. Yes, carnal simply means natural. We live in a natural world with a supernatural God.