

## 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.