A Season of Expectation

Mark 10:46-52; Galatians 4:4

Galatians 4:4: *"In the fullness of time, God sent His Son."*
When you need God the most, God shows up. When life becomes desperate, God shows up. This is a season of expectation—a time of hope, a time of mercy. This is the one time when the world seems to be in one accord; when empires and powers pause momentarily to allow goodness to show its face before resuming their relentless pursuit of power.

Advent is not just a word; it is an action. It is not merely a concept; it is a movement. God saw a world drowning in darkness and confusion and stepped in with mercy. When the roads were not paved, when the language was singular, when the coinage was Roman, God sent His Son. When the world was stuck, God sent His Son. And when we are stuck, God has a way of passing by. When we are at our lowest, God has a way of walking down our street.

I want to talk about someone who literally received roadside assistance from Jesus. When his life was out of control, Jesus showed up. This man was stuck in his situation. He had no way out. There was no one with the capacity to lift him above his station in life. Blind Bartimaeus was stuck.

Have You Ever Been Stuck?

Have you ever been stuck? Have you ever felt as though you pushed all your cards into the center of the table, knowing all you're doing is bluffing? You're hoping everyone else will fold so you can walk away with the prize. But life doesn't unfold that way.

Bartimaeus was stuck. He was helpless and dependent. But he heard that Jesus was passing by.

Jesus passes by often in our lives. When our neighbors and friends are blessed, it means that Jesus is in the neighborhood. It means Jesus is answering prayers. This story has a lesson for all of us in this Advent season.

Bartimaeus Believed

Bartimaeus couldn't fix anything, but he believed Jesus could. Bartimaeus understood he couldn't turn his situation around, but he believed Jesus could.

Here is the lesson: when Jesus was close, Blind Bartimaeus called out. When Jesus moved into range, Bartimaeus shouted. The crowds tried to silence him, but he kept shouting. They thought Jesus wouldn't respond. But Jesus always responds when His name is called. Jesus always responds when there is a need.

Jesus stopped and called Bartimaeus to Him. Then He asked, *"What do you want me to do for you?"* Bartimaeus replied, *"Rabbi, I want to see."* And Jesus said, *"Go; your faith has healed you."*

Bartimaeus said, “Jesus, I want to see.”

Now, I want **you** to see. I want you to know that you have access to Jesus right now. At this very moment, you have access to Jesus. When Bartimaeus thought Jesus was close enough, he called His name. When Bartimaeus thought Jesus was in range, he called out. Jesus is always close. Jesus is always present. Jesus is always waiting for a call from us. You don’t have to shout like Bartimaeus. You can call Him in prayer. You can call Him with a whisper. You can call Him lying down or standing up.

Don’t Let Others Silence You

The child of God does not have to endure strangers telling you to keep quiet. Jesus is always waiting for your call. Don’t allow those who are already blessed to stop you from seeking your blessing. Don’t let people who can already see stop you from calling on Jesus.
You may be stuck, but you don’t have to remain stuck. You may be confused, but you don’t have to remain confused. You may be in darkness, but you don’t have to remain in that dark place. Cry out in your heart, in a whisper, lying down, or standing up:

“Jesus, my Lord and my Savior, have mercy on me!”

Receive What Only Jesus Can Give

Receive the blessing that only Jesus can bestow. Receive the peace that only He can provide. Receive the restoration and recovery that only He can bring.

Jesus is the One sent by God. Jesus is the One who saves.

Blessings,
Pastor Gool