勇敢地向耶稣祈求

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希伯来书 4:16

嗨,孩子们!请看这张照片,看看你能不能猜出这个人需要什么?太热了,他的舌头都伸出 来了。他需要什么呢?是的,他需要水。那么,下一张图片这个人呢?他需要什么?是的,他需 要一把伞或一件雨衣。当我们遇到下雨时,我们需要的是能让我们不被雨淋湿的东西。现在再来 看第三张图片,哦……这个女人抱的东西太多了!你觉得她需要什么呢?是的,她需要帮助,她 需要有人帮她提一些包包。那么,这位乞丐需要什么呢?钱吗?食物吗?当我们看到这样的乞丐 时,我们几乎从来不会问:"嗯,我想知道他需要什么?"我们也几乎从来不会这样说:"您好, 先生!我能为您做点什么吗?"大多数人看到乞丐时,只要有多余的钱,就随便扔给他就是了。



今天的圣经故事在马可福音 10 章,从一个又穷又瞎的乞丐说起。他每天都坐在路边,乞讨 他能得到的东西。但每天,大多数人都无视他,继续他们自己的生活。他是个无名小卒,甚至没 有人会关心一下他叫什么名字。圣经只告诉我们他叫巴底买,是底买的儿子。有一天,巴底买像 往常一样在路边乞讨,这时他听到有人群向他走来的声音。"耶稣来了!耶稣来了!"他听见人 们说。耶稣!巴底买听说过耶稣——耶稣祂能做任何事,能医治找祂的任何人,耶稣能使瘸子行 走,使瞎子看见!



那一天,巴底买知道他必须去见耶稣,耶稣一定会帮助他的,耶稣一定会为他做别人所不能做的事!于是巴底买就喊着说:"大卫的子孙耶稣啊,可怜我吧!"众人就骂他说:"不要作声!"向他喊说,"快住口!"并不是只有一两个人警告他:"嘘……嗯,你能安静点吗?"圣经告诉我们,有许多人警告他说:"安静些,否则..."但是众人越发大声责备巴底买,他就更越大声喊叫:"耶稣!大卫的子孙哪,可怜我吧!可怜可怜我吧!"

那天,奇妙的事情发生了一一在人群众多吵杂声中,耶稣听见了,于是祂停下来。好消息是, 我们可爱的耶稣总能听见我们呼求祂,不管有多忙或有多吵,耶稣永远不会因为太忙而不停下来 听我们。耶稣说:"叫他到我这里来。"他们就说:"你当高兴振作!站起来吧,耶稣在叫你!" 巴底买急忙起来,丢下讨饭的衣物,到耶稣那里去。"你想要我为你做什么?"耶稣问道。耶稣 是如此的仁慈,祂关切地向这个又瞎又穷的乞丐询问!哇!"你想要我为你们做什么?"耶稣问 道。巴底买说:"我要能看见。"耶稣说:"去吧,你痊愈了,因为你信了!"就这样,巴底买 立刻能看见了!



我们可以从眼瞎的巴底买那里学到很多勇敢的行动。巴底买并没有只看自己,他没有说: "不,我又穷又脏怎好意思去见耶稣呢?我还是安静点好!"他也没有听从那些警告他不要再喊 叫耶稣的人们。当人们叫巴底买安静点的时候,他却叫得更响亮。巴底买只专注于他所相信的! 他相信耶稣有能力医治他,他相信耶稣能为他做那不可能的事!所以,这个信念给了他一个希望, 使他非常非常勇敢。巴底买信对了!还记得耶稣对巴底买所说的话吗?"去吧,你已经痊愈了, 因为你信了!"巴底买得到他想要的,只是简单的因为他相信了! 我们相信什么?我们相信在基督里面我们是神的义人!我们相信,因为耶稣,我们永远与神 同在!这意味着我们可以随时大胆地向神祈求我们所需要的一切。现在,我想你们翻到希伯来书 4章16节,你可能也需要标记强调一下。圣经说:"所以我们只管坦然无惧的来到施恩的宝座前, 为要得怜恤,蒙恩惠,作随时的帮助。"神要我们勇敢地到祂那里去。就像巴底买一样,我们不 需要看着自己就说:"哦,不!我还不够好,我怎么敢要求这个呢?"我们不需要听那些告诉我 们停止相信的人的话。记住,对我们的神来说,没有什么是不可能的,我们可以大胆地相信和祈 求,我们总能登上恩典的宝座。**恩典的意思是——永远不在于我们要做得多好,而在于祂对我们** 有多好!当我们放胆向祂祈求的时候,祂必为我们成就祂以前为巴底买所作的事。祂会微笑着对 我们说:"去吧,因为你信了,你就得着了!"



我来告诉你一个主日学孩子,摔了一跤所发生的事。他走着走着,突然绊了一跤,脸朝下摔 倒了。那一击太猛,他的牙齿好痛。不久之后,他其中一颗牙齿开始变黑。"哦,天哪,"牙医 说,"你把牙齿撞死了,我们得尽快把它拔出来。"那天,小男孩祈祷道:"亲爱的耶稣,帮助 我保护我的牙齿,治愈它,让它重新变白!"男孩每天都祈祷他的牙齿能好起来。当他来到主日 学班学习时,他告诉了他的老师,他的老师和他一起祈祷;当他见到主日学的牧师时,他也叫牧 师为他祈祷。



接下来发生了令人觉得不可思议的事情!牙齿不再变黑了,渐渐地,它又开始像一颗正常的 牙齿一样了。在他的第二次检查时,牙医很惊讶:"你的死牙发生什么事了?它变得又强壮又健 康了!"猜猜男孩说什么?他说:"耶稣,谢谢你!" 我们今天学到了什么?我们知道我们可以大胆地向神祈求我们所需要的一切。我们可以大胆, 是因为我们知道我们的上帝是多么的爱我们。我们不必紧张,因为希伯来书 4:16 告诉我们,我们 的神是赐恩典的神——永远不在于我们要做得多好,而在于祂对我们有多好!让我们再看一遍我 们的经文,希伯来书 4:16: "所以我们只管坦然无惧的来到施恩的宝座前,为要得怜恤,蒙恩 惠,作随时的帮助。"现在你听到了这个好消息,也许你在想,那么我该如何大胆地做呢?答案 很简单,照巴底买所做的去做——向耶稣呼求!



今天,你看见耶稣正对着你微笑,说:"我非常爱你!你想让我为你做什么?"你希望主为你做什么?想想这个问题。你也可以想想,你希望祂为你所爱的人做什么。记住,我们属于一位 伟大的神,祂喜爱我们在大事上信靠祂!你准备好祈求了吗?可以跟着我这样说:"亲爱的主, 谢谢你如此爱我......"现在,孩子们,大胆地告诉祂你想要什么。[保持沉默一会,给时间孩子们 说祷告的话]接下来,告诉祂你想让祂为别人做什么,可以是你的朋友,你的家人,老师,甚至是 你国家的领导人。[保持沉默一会]所有的孩子们一起说:"阿门!"记住耶稣对巴底买所说的话: "因为你信了,所以你得着!"孩子们,我们相信我们会得着!

孩子们,如果你正在听这个故事,你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命,成为你的主和救 主,你现在可以这样做,跟着我重复这个祷告: "亲爱的主耶稣,感谢你为我死在十字 架上。你是神的儿子,你死了,也被埋葬,第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪, 使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里,成为我的主和救主, 我永远是个义人,永远是有福的,永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名,阿门!

BOLDLY ASK FROM HIM

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace in time of need. ——Hebrews 4:16

Hey Rock Kidz! Look at this picture and see if you can guess what this man needs. Ooh, it's hot, and his tongue is sticking out. What does he need? That's right! He needs water. Now, what about this man? What does he need? He needs an umbrella or a raincoat. When we are caught in a rain, what we need is something to keep us dry. Now look! Oh... This woman is carrying too much! What do you think she needs? She needs a helping hand. She needs someone to help her carry some of her bags. Now, what does this beggar need? Money? Food? When we see a beggar like this, we almost never ask, "Hmm, I wonder what he needs?" We also almost never say, "Hello sir, what can I do for you?" When most people see a beggar, they simply toss him whatever money they can care to spare.

Today's Bible story starts with a poor, blind beggar. Every day he sat by the road, begging for what he can get. But every day, most people simply ignored him and went on their way. He was such a nobody, that no one even bothered to ask him his name! all the bible tells us is that he was called Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus. Now, one day, Bartimaeus was begging by the roadside as usual, when he heard the sound of a crowd coming his way. "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!" he heard the people say. Jesus! Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus. Jesus, who can do anything and heal anyone who came to him. Jesus, who can make the lame walk and the blind see!

That day, Bartimaeus knew he had to meet Jesus. Surely Jesus would help him! Surely Jesus would do for him what no one else could do. So, Bartimaeus started to call out – "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" The people started to scold him, "Be quiet," they shouted, "stop it at once!" It wasn't just one or two people who said, "Shh… um, would you mind please being quiet?" No, it was not like that at all. The bible tells us that many people warned him, "Be quiet, or else!" But the more crowd scolded the louder and bolder Bartimaeus shouted, "Jesus! Son of David, have mercy on me!"

That day, something marvelous happened. In the midst of all the voices in the crowd, Jesus heard him and stopped. The good news is that our lovely Jesus always hears us when we call Him, no matter how busy or noisy things get, Jesus is never too busy to stop and listen to us. "Tell him to come here," Jesus said. So, they said, "Cheer up, cheer up! Get to your feet. Jesus is calling you!" Bartimaeus got up quickly, threw aside his beggar's coat and went to Jesus. "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked. Jesus was so good and kind that He bothered ask this poor, blind beggar what he wanted. Wow! "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "I want to see," Bartimaeus replied. Then Jesus said, "Go! You are healed, because you believed." And just like that, Bartimaeus can see!

We can learn about a lot being bold from blind Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus did not look at himself. He did not say, "Oh no, I'm just too poor and dirty to go to Jesus. I better just be quiet!" He did not listen to the people who told him to stop calling for Jesus. When they told him to be quiet, Bartimaeus just called out even louder. Bartimaeus simply focused on what he believed. He believed that Jesus had the power to heal him. He believed that Jesus could do the impossible for him. Now, this believing put a hope in his heart that made him very, very bold. Bartimaeus believed right! Remember what Jesus told Bartimaeus? "Go, you are healed, because you believe!" Bartimaeus received what he asked for simply because he believed!

What do we believe? We believe that we are the righteousness of God in Christ. We believe that because of Jesus, we are forever right with God. This means that we can always boldly ask Him for whatever we need. Now, I want you to flip your Bibles to Hebrews 4:16. You might want to highlight this as well. It says, "Lets us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." God wants us to come boldly to Him. Just like Bartimaeus, we don't have to look at ourselves and go, "Oh no! I'm just not good enough! How dare I ask for this." We don't have to listen to the people who tells us to stop believing. Remember, there is nothing too impossible for our God. We can be bold in our believing and in our asking. We can always go to the throne of grace. Grace means that it is never about how good we have to be, but always about how good he is too us. When we boldly ask from Him, He will do for us what He did for Bartimaeus. He will smile at us and say, "Go because you believe, you receive."

Let me tell you what happened from a boy from Rock Kidz had a fall. He was walking along, when he tripped and fell face down. The knock was so hard, it made his teeth hurt. Soon after that, one of his teeth started to turn black. "Oh dear," the dentist said, "You hit your tooth so hard, it died. We will have to pull it out soon. That day, the boy prayed, "Dear Jesus, help me keep my tooth, heal it and make it white again. Every day, the boy prayed for his tooth to get better. When he came to Rock Kidz, he told his teachers who prayed with him. And when he saw our Rock Kidz pastor, he asked her to pray for him as well. What happened next was amazing! The tooth stopped turning black! More and more, it started to look like a regular tooth again.

At his next checkup, the dentist was very surprised. "What happened to your dead tooth? It's strong and heathy again!" Guess what the boy said? He said, "Thank you, Jesus!"

What did we learn today? We learnt that we can boldly ask the Lord for everything we need. We can be bold because we know how much our God loves us. We don't have to be nervous, because Hebrews 4:16 tells us that our God is a God of grace. It is never about how good we have to be, but always about how good He is to us. Let's look at our verse again. Hebrews 4:16. "Lets us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Now that you have heard this good news, maybe you're thinking, so how do I boldly take? The answer is simple. Do what Bartimaeus did. Call out to Jesus and ask.

Today, see Jesus smiling at you. he says, "I love you so much. What do you want me to do for you? What do you want the Lord to do for you? think about this for a moment. You can also think about what you want Him to do for the people you love as well. Remember, we belong to a big, big, God who loves us to believe Him for big things. Are you ready to ask? Just say after me, "Dear Lord, thank You for loving me so much." And right now, Rock Kidz, go ahead and tell him what you want. [SILENT] Now, tell Him what you want Him to do for someone else. It could be for a friend, someone in your family, a teacher, or even the leader of your country. [SILENT] And all the Rock Kidz say, "Amen!" Remember what Jesus told Bartimaeus, "Because you believe, you receive!" Rock Kidz, we believe so we shall receive.

Hey rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus'name," and everyone say, "Amen."