Obtaining Christ’s Help – Luke 18:35-43
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I. Introduction
   a. Jesus, as He is traveling to Jerusalem, heals a blind man
   b. This demonstrated several characteristics of Jesus
      i. His divine power
      ii. His great compassion
   c. But the way in which this miracle occurred reveals some things about the blind man as well
   d. Just like the blind man, we need Christ’s help, and we can obtain Christ’s help

II. KEY THOUGHT – The blind man is a good example of what is necessary in order to obtain the help of Jesus Christ

III. Bartimaeus- Needed Christ’s Help
   a. He was a blind beggar – v. 35
      i. Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus – Mark 10:46
   b. He realized that Jesus was nearby – v. 36-7
   c. He asked for help – v. 38
      i. He asked the right person
         1. Jesus
         2. The Son of David
         3. Have mercy on me
      ii. He asked emphatically
         1. He cried out
         2. He intended to be heard
   d. He would not be silenced – v. 39
      i. Some tried
      ii. He refused to be stopped in his efforts to receive help
   e. He came when Jesus called – v. 40
   f. He asked for what he needed – v. 41
      i. He could have asked for any number of things
         1. He asked for the impossible
         2. And received it from Jesus
      ii. He believed Jesus could help him

IV. Bartimaeus – Obtained Christ’s help
   a. His faith made him well – v. 42
      i. His faith
         1. In who Jesus was
         2. What he could do
         3. His willingness to help
      ii. Without such faith it is impossible to please Him – Heb 11:6
      iii. But what else?
iv. His faith caused him to do things which, if undone, would have removed all possibility of help

b. He was healed – v. 43
   i. And followed Him
   ii. Praising God
   iii. And causing others to praise God

V. We – Need Christ’s help
   a. For our life
   b. For our daily needs
   c. For our forgiveness
   d. For our future
   e. For our children

VI. We – can obtain Christ help
   a. If we have the same faith as Bartimaeus
      i. Realize Jesus is nearby
         1. Some feel he is far away
         2. In fact, he is closer than any other person
      ii. Ask for help
      iii. Refuse to be silenced or stopped in your quest to receive mercy from Jesus, the Son of David
   iv. Come when Jesus calls
   v. Faith without works is dead – James 2:14-17
      1. Faith is dead if it tries to help others without action
      2. Faith is dead if it tries to receive help from Jesus without action
      3. He calls us to him, just as he called Bartimaeus
         a. If Bartimaeus had sat where he was he would have stayed blind
         b. But his faith assured him it was worth coming when Jesus called
      4. He calls us by the gospel – 2Th. 2:14
      5. Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely – Rev. 22:17
   vi. Make humble request for what you most need

b. Jesus
   i. Has just as much power as he did then
   ii. Has just as much compassion as he did then
   iii. He will reward our active faith just as he did Bartimaeus’

c. After having our souls healed
   i. We can follow him
   ii. Praise him
   iii. And be the cause of others giving praise to Jesus Christ

VII. Conclusion
   a. Do you know what your most important need is?
   b. Jesus has the answers
   c. Invitation