



Luke 18:35-43

SEARCHING FOR SOULS

The Blind Man
at Jericho
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An Encounter with Light

**THE POOR
OUTSIDE
THE CITY**

After a scream or two, the beggar gets the teacher right where he wants him. Once he has his attention, then the Rabbi would have to deal with him, the poor blind man. The teacher would then have to show his goodness to his disciples. The master wouldn't let him down because the crowd was looking on. He thought the young teacher named Jesus was trapped by pride.

Jesus seemed to play the game until He asked the blind man what He wanted. Jesus calmly transferred the pressure onto the blind man. Jesus steps out and challenges this man's faith. Does he want to ask for money or eyesight? The beggar always asked for money and food. What is the sense asking for what he really wanted, that is, his eyesight? But maybe this Jesus, knew of and could do what people really desired.

We will only be able to minister to those around us if:

- 1) We are convinced of the goodness and power of God
- 2) We can perceive the real needs of people
- 3) We refuse to play the games of pride and image.

Without faith, we will always look at people with their outward needs, not their most genuine needs.

**Getting involved with the poor:
Is it a step of faith or foolishness?
Do we have what is needed?**

Is a revival of morals what our society needs or just a good economic plan?

Going beyond our immediate and simple desires, what is it that you want from God? Do you have faith to ask Him?