



Sermon Series

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

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OPENING BLIND EYES

with thoughts from Rick Warren

Mark 10:46-52 (NIV) Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked

him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Luke 18:43 ... praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Here are 3 things that can make us miss a miracle:

1. Hopeless

Circumstances

- “*a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.*”

2. Discouraging Voices

- “*Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet*”

3. The Comfort of the Familiar

“Throwing his cloak aside.”

Here are five principles from this story on how to pray for a miracle. Be...

1. PASSIONATE

Luke 18:36-38 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Another translation says he shouted out.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

2. PERSISTENT

Luke 18:39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

3. PRECISE

Luke 18:40-41 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, “What

do you want me to do for you?”
“Lord,” he said, “I want to see!”

James 4:2b You do not have because you do not ask.

4. POSITIVE

Luke 18:42 Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”

Mark 11:24 (NLT) I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours

Philippians 4:19 (KJ) But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

5. PRAISEFUL

Luke 18:43 (NLT) Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

Luke 17:17-18 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Philippians 4:6 (NLT) Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

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