

## Beg to Touch

*And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.*

*Mark 8:22*

When we come to Christ for salvation and realize the wonders of His mercy, we usually begin to think of others who have need of Him. Our heart first becomes burdened for our family and friends closest to us. Sometimes our early attempts to witness for the Lord are not readily received. Even as we continue to find opportunities to share the salvation message, it is often rejected. It is important to remember that the blight of spiritual blindness is upon every person until the light of the gospel penetrates their souls. Realizing our impotence to break through that blindness, we must do what is recorded in today's text.

When Jesus entered into Bethsaida, a blind man was brought unto Him so that He might touch him in order to receive his sight. Whoever the unnamed men were, whether family or friends, they had a burden to have the blind man's sight restored. Of course, the Savior does what only He can do and opens the blind man's eyes. We cannot give up when it seems like an individual to whom we are witnessing is making no progress towards the Kingdom of God. Remember, *if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not*. Letting our light shine can help lead to the time when God commands the light to shine out of darkness and shines into their hearts. Spiritual blindness can be based in pride and self-righteousness, or in the entanglements and vices of this world, and it may seem impossible for us to make them see. Though we cannot physically do what those men did in today's text, we *are* able to bring our loved ones before the Lord. By daily bringing their names to the Lord in prayer, we can boldly yet humbly ask for their blindness to be taken away. And, as in this case, sometimes the people we pray for will need a second touch from above that they might see more clearly.

There is also a lesson for us who have already had our eyes opened by Jesus. Even when we walk with the Lord, the influence of the surrounding darkness of this world can cloud our vision. By daily staying in close fellowship through prayer and reading the Word, we are continuing to allow the Lord to touch our spiritual sight, keeping our focus clear.

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