

Just One Touch



The Power of A Single
Moment

Luke 18:35-43

- A divine appointment can look like an interruption
- Perseverance over silence
- Relentless Faith requires persistence
- An invitation to ask

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Luke 18:35-43 NLT

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“Be quiet!” the people in front yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

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!”

And Jesus said, “All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

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Luke 18:35-38

Even an interruption has a purpose

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➤ **Luke 8:43-48- Woman with the issue of blood**

- It was a purpose-filled moment wrapped in an unexpected interruption.
- Jesus did not see people as interruptions—He saw them as opportunities to show compassion.
- The disruption was part of the plan.
- God sees and his timing is always perfect.



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➤ Mark 2:1-12 –The Paralytic at Capernaum

- The interruption was unusual yet Jesus did not shun them away.
- He looks past our circumstances straight into the posture of our heart.
- There is always room at his feet for our prayers and petitions



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Perseverance over silence

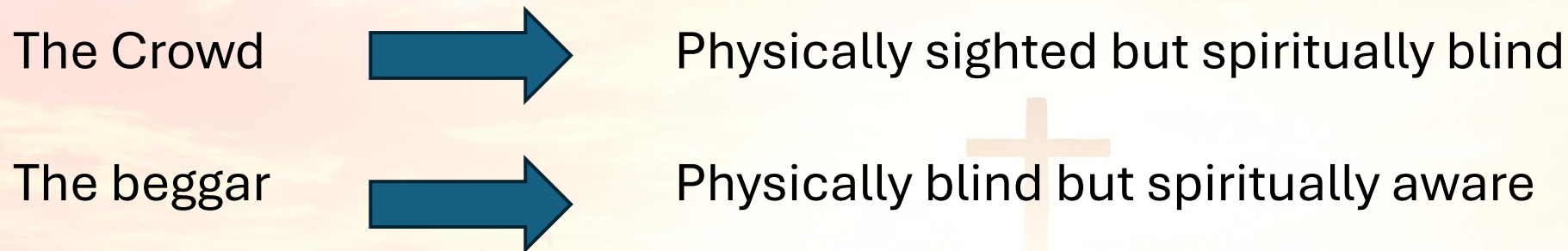
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18:39


Faith that cuts through the noise

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Why did the crowd want him to be quiet?

- Social & cultural status
- His disability became his identity
- They may have thought he was being a nuisance
- Unworthy of Jesus's time



Jesus never puts a label on us. Where the world sees social status, past mistakes, or difficult circumstances, Jesus sees a life worth saving. He rejects our human labels and welcomes us as His own.

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Relentless Faith requires persistence

Persistent means something that **continues for a long time, is difficult to stop**, or describes a person who **does not give up easily**. Someone who keeps trying despite difficulty or opposition.

Faith hears, believes & pursues.

Paul - Beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, stoned, abandoned by friends, and constantly hounded by persecutors throughout his missionary journeys.

“As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful” 2 Timothy 4:6–8 NLT

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Nehemiah - Tasked with rebuilding the destroyed walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah faced mockers, rumours, death threats, and betrayal from local political leaders.

“So I replied by sending messengers to say, “I am engaged in a great work, so I cannot come. Why should I stop to come and meet with you?” Nehemiah 6:3 NLT

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The invitation to ask

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1 John 5:14–15

“If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

Romans 8:15–16

“You received the Spirit of adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”

Philippians 4:6–7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Matthew 6:10

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

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Conclusion

Isaiah 55:7 — God invites the sinner to return so He may show compassion. *“Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them.”*

Joel 2:13 — A call to return because God is gracious and slow to anger. *“Return to the Lord your God...”*

Jeremiah 3:22 — God directly says *He will heal and restore those who return.*

Luke 15:20 — The prodigal son begins the journey back, and the father runs to him.

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Conclusion

There is acceptance in the name of Jesus

There is forgiveness in the name of Jesus

There is salvation in the name of Jesus



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