



Bartimaeus recognizes what is so important. We are not related simply to a pop-culture idea of Jesus, a good guy who sometimes does good things and is well-known. Here is the One Who has come as the Lord of all, with the power to break the yoke of bondage, to

answer the viciousness and cruelty Satan spoke that day. The One Who has dominion over the powers of darkness, and Who is adequate in any circumstance. He is the Lord. These are words of worship, of consummate recognition. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." Bartimaeus being blind was able to see with his spiritual eyes exactly Who Jesus was.

"When You Can't See A Thing"

In a dark time when you can't see a thing, you can listen for the Lord moving in people's lives. Men and women who will tell you, "I was in a tough situation but Jesus passed my way." He will never leave you alone in a circumstance without the possibility of His presence. He's promised us that (Hebrews 13:5). When you can't see a thing, it can be hard to remember Jesus is there, until you pause and listen. No human says it. The Holy Spirit will whisper it to you. You'll hear the voice of the Lord say, "I'm here with you, always." Beloved when you can't see a thing, you can be brought to a certain point. But there finally comes the place where you decide to reach out and move on in for yourself. The Lord promises us everything, but there is a time when we have to move in responding to what He has for us. The key is coming to Jesus. He is the answer. He is the One Who has the solution. Ultimately, "Your faith has made you whole" because your faith has been deposited in the One to Whom you have not only cried out to, but with Whom you have identified for all that He really is. Jesus is the ultimate Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer and King.

"I Was Blind, But Now I See"



If we keep the eye of faith focused on Christ, we gain a broader view and an eternal perspective, and with that we can understand adversity from within the context of Heavenly Father's eternal plan for all of His children. And we can find comfort in this life in the safety, peace, joy

and security that He promises. When you can't see a thing, reach out in Faith That Is Full Of Love And Hope. He will open your eyes and show you the way.



How many times do obstacles get in the way and seem to turn your future opaque? The Bible says that now we see through a glass darkly. "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." (1 Corinthians 13:12) But there are times when we don't even see through the glass. All we see is darkness. Now the very next verse

goes on to say this; "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) I believe by the Word Of God it takes faith to see what you cannot see in the natural, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." Did you see that with your spiritual eyes? "The worlds were framed by the WORD OF GOD! – The Things Which Are Seen Were Not Made Of The Things Which Are VISIBLE! If we are going to see what God wants us to see than we have to know HIS WORD and have FAITH in it. Do not trust what you see and feel with your five senses because you will not see things Clearly!

"We See More Clearly Through The Eyes Of Hope"

I believe by the Word Of God that we will not see clearly with out HOPE. "For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." (Romans 8:24-25) Remember FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE. Now what is the substance? God told us in His Word "The Worlds Were Framed By The Word Of God" Our HOPE is seen within His Word! The Lord goes on to say, "Now may the God Of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) Now let us break this scripture down. "God of Hope" He is the Lord of our Hope. Hope is not something we have to mustered up. Our Hope is derived from His Word which is truth. "Fill You With All Joy and peace in believing" God is Saying Be Fill With His Word (Jesus, Who Is the Word) When we believe in His Word we will then be fill with joy and peace because we are believing His WORD and PROMISES. "That you may abound in HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit." Question; Who Is the Author of that hope in you? Answer; THE HOLY SPIRIT! You see, It is the Spirit that will lead you to all truths. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, or have entered

into the heart of man he things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that will empower you with HOPE and reveal the deep things of God. It is His good work. But, we must do our part and seek Him with all our hearts, minds and soul.

"We See More Clearly Though Love"

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:1-8) Love is the golden key that allows us to see more clearly. Love is Who God is! Our love for God and our fellowman is what unlocks the mysteries of God! This is Why Jesus Said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-36) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:43-45) If you want to see more clearly and unlock the mysteries of God then we must continue to grow in kind of love.

"What Are The Mysteries Of God?"

"The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints." (Colossians 1:25, 26). The mystery, revealed in the Bible, is described in various ways: THE MYSTERY OF GOD (Colossians 2:2) "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ..." "THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL (Ephesians 1:9) "Having made known to us the Mystery Of His Will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself..." THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 3:3-4) "How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in The Mystery Of Christ..."

THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Mark 4:11) And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables..." THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL (Ephesians 6:19) "And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the Mystery Of The Gospel..." THE MYSTERY OF THE FAITH (1 Timothy 3:9) "Holding the Mystery Of The Faith with a pure conscience." and THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS (1 Timothy 3:16) "And without controversy great is the Mystery Of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

"Bartimaeus Being Blind Saw More Clearly More Than Most"



The story of Bartimaeus and the ministry of Jesus is one of the greatest stories in the New Testament. This story powerfully displays how to trust God when you can't see a thing. Jesus was traveling southward, towards Jerusalem and coming into Jericho,

when He came across a blind man seated by the road. The man couldn't see a thing. It seems ironic that Bartimaeus was seated in a city that hosted one of the most important events in the history of God's people. Trumpets sounded after the march around Jericho, the place was overwhelmed with the power of God, and spiritual break-through occurred. Yet, with all that history, a man sits there unable to see a thing. Then Jesus came. In their interaction, we see principles of faith about how to believe, how to stand firm in faith and how to function when you can't see a thing. It's a lesson to us about how to live our lives under the leadership of Jesus Christ, be led by the Holy Spirit of God and be shaped by Him. Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.