

Luke 18:35-43

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 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!” 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!”

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Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Lord, I want to see,” he replied. Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.



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Surely Jesus knew. But Jesus also knew that we wouldn't always know, so he models for us an approach to blessing others that honors them enough to ask questions and listen first, rather than always presuming we know what's in someone else's best interest.

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Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable.

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History

“Tell me your story.”
“Where did you grow up?”

Heart

“What’s your favorite (team, restaurant, vacation spot)?”

Habits

“What are you into?”
“What do you do in free time?”

Hurts

“How are you doing with (name the situation)?”

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Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

LISTENING TO PLACES (Acts 17:16-23)

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law...so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak.

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.



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The Four P's of a Place

- (1) Pain – what challenges/difficulties exist here?
- (2) Pennies – what are the financial strains/opportunities?
- (3) Power – who are the people of influence here?
- (4) Parties – what do people cherish & celebrate here?

