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HOW TO TAKE *THE INITIATIVE WITH FAITH*

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ 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.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

GOD WANTS TO GIVE US A FRESH START FROM WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.

Psalm 145:14

The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. NLT

“God gives a fresh start to those ready to quit.” MSG

THE THINGS WE CAN DO TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH OUR FAITH TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S POWER IN OUR ORDINARY DAY

1. SEIZE THE MOMENT

Mark 10:46-47

“As Jesus...left town, a great crowd was following. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was nearby, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’” Mark 10:46-47 (NLT)

Luke 9:62

“Jesus said, ‘No procrastination! No backward looks. You can’t put off God’s kingdom till tomorrow. Seize the day!’” Luke 9:62 (MSG)

2. TAME YOUR FEAR

Mark 10:48

“Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, ‘Have mercy on me!’” GN

Proverbs 29:25

“The fear of human opinion disables you: trusting in God protects you from that.”

3. ANNOUNCE YOUR FAITH

Mark 10:51a

“Jesus asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man answered, ‘Teacher, I want to see.’” Mark 10:51 ncv

4. RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Mark 10:51

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way: your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he regained his sight...” NAS

Romans 4:16

“That’s why faith is the key! God’s promise is given to us as a free gift.” NLT

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF FAITH TODAY?

Mark 10:52b

“...he regained his sight and began following Jesus on the road.” NAS