

SCCC – CALLING OUT TO JESUS

S – Scriptures

“They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Luke 18: 37

C – Consideration

The verse I chose is about a blind man, (Mark mentioned his name – Bartimaeus). It is also known that he stayed on the road begging. As Luke described the story, when the blind man heard the crowd he asked what was happening. And, they told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Immediately, he acted, calling out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” but, the crowd rebuked him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” His persistence paid off, “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. “Lord, I want to see.” Jesus answered him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” Not long after this incident, Jesus went to Jerusalem, and as he approached the city he said: “Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.” What a contrast: a blind man on the road crying out for Jesus to open his eyes, while Israel’s leaders who have seen Jesus for three years, were spiritually blinded to see the only one that could save them.

C - Commitment

In my early days as a Christian, I read the story of the Blind Bartimaeus for the first time. His faith gave me so much encouragement, that one night I asked Jesus to heal my esophagus from a terrible inflammation that caused so much pain. That evening the Lord heard my prayer and healed me. I never had the symptoms anymore. On the other hand, I wonder as my pain was gone, and many years had passed since I became a follower of Christ, if I don’t watch, I could follow in the same trap as the Jewish leaders and no longer perceive my Lord’s presence. Jesus told the Ephesians: “You had lost your first love.” Life is busy, I am living in a world technologically advanced, and that easily can rob my time, and become insensitive to hear and to see the most precious person in my life, Jesus Christ.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, thank you that you had sent Jesus not just to heal our diseases, but to save our souls. I am dust and my life is like grass. The things you gave me to enjoy on this earth will be here, I came naked and naked I will depart. Please my God, help me to continue always calling on Jesus, not just when my body needs healing, but to keep in mind what the Scriptures tell me: for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” In Jesus’ name. Amen