



***Bridging the gap between  
need and blessing***

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**I want to tell you a story ...**

**beginning ...**



**... middle ...**

**... end**

## Let's start at the very **beginning** ...

- Mark 10:46-48

- Bartimeus
  - *blind beggar*
  - *ignored, invisible*

- The crowd ...

- *unaware*
- *insensitive*

- ... plus Jesus

- *"Have mercy on me"*



## And now the **end** is near...

- Mark 10:51-52

- *"What do you want...?"*
- *"My sight"*
- *"Your faith has healed you"*

- Immediate healing

- Followed Jesus

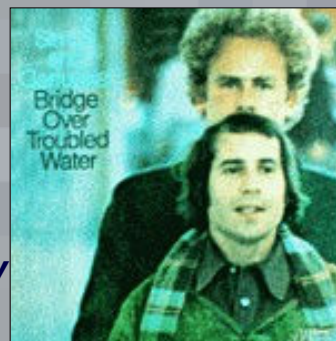


## Application ( Part 1 )

- **Beginning**
  - *Are we like Bartimeus?*
    - On the edge?
    - Hungry for more?
    - Separated from the crowd?
    - Desperate for Jesus to stop?
- **End**
  - *Do we want to be where he was?*
    - Face to face with Jesus
    - Released to follow him

## What about the **middle**?

- **Mark 10:49-50**
  - *Jesus noticed Bartimeus*
  - *Jesus involved others*
  - *They passed on the message*
  - *He responded wholeheartedly*
- **What did they say to him?**
  - *What was **the bridge** that enabled him to cross from **beginning** to **end**?*



## 3-part challenge; 3-part response

Their challenge :

His response :

1. *Cheer up*

1. *Threw aside cloak*

2. *On your feet*

2. *Jumped to his feet*

3. *He's calling you*

3. *Came to Jesus*

## Application ( Part 2 )

- We recognise the **beginning**
  - *On the edge while Jesus passes by*
  - *Feeling blind, not seeing like others do*
  - *Knowing we need Jesus to touch us*
- We want the **end**
  - *Personal encounter with Jesus*
  - *Released & healed*
  - *Following him*
- Let's hear the challenge of the **middle**
  - **CHEER UP !**
  - **ON YOUR FEET !!**
  - **HE'S CALLING YOU !!!**