



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*

What about us?

Application (Part 2)

- **Cheer up**
 - *Encouragement*
 - *Motivation*
 - *Daring*
- **On your feet**
 - *Challenge*
 - *Action*
 - *Change*
- **He's calling you**
 - *Destiny*
 - *Mission*
 - *Identity*



Conclusion

- **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 !!!*