

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 18:35-43

As Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening.

They told him,

"Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more,

"Son of David, have pity on me!"

Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him,

"What do you want me to do for you?"

He replied, "Lord, please let me see."

Jesus told him, "Have sight; your faith has saved you."

He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God.

When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.



The blind man never gave up!



Jesus says the man's faith saved him. What do you think that means?

The Gospel of the Lord.



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CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

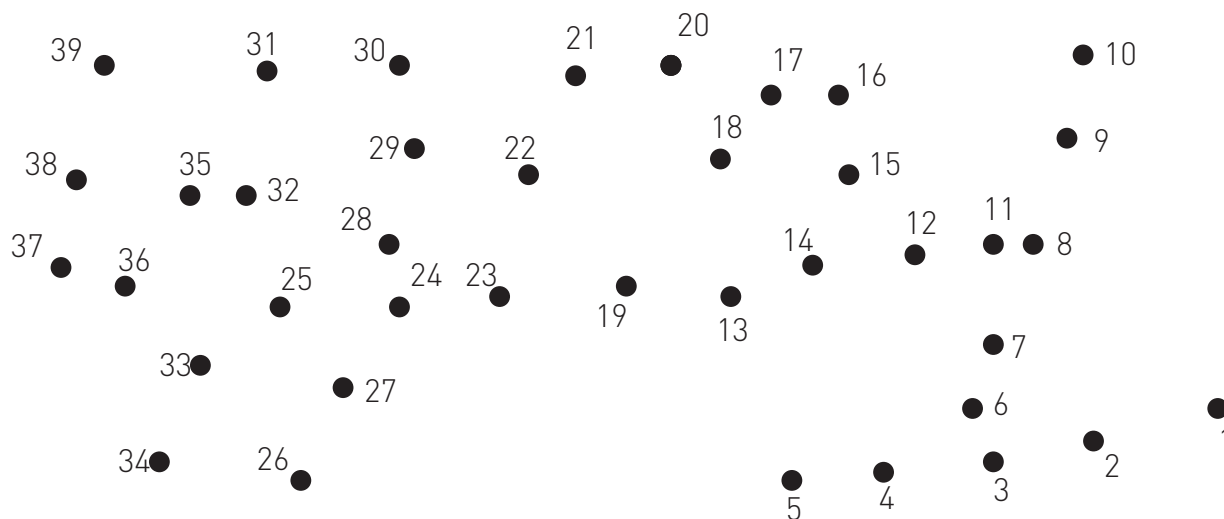
Today's Gospel shows persistence and faith is really important. The blind man had to ask Jesus a few times before He answers him. The blind man also has to deal with other people telling him to be quiet. Sometimes it will feel that reaching out to God is not easy.

The key to this is faith. The blind man did not give up. It's also important to note that faith takes time. The man had been blind awhile, so he must have suffered for quite awhile before he meets Jesus by chance. Perhaps through this time he gains the patience and perseverance that he will be healed one day.

Sometimes we need to remember that we need to persist and have faith to do God's Will.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Connect the dots below and turn the page upside down. What does it say?



WHAT WOULD JESUS DO

Kerry was always an enthusiastic member of church. On weekends he would always try to chat about faith with his friends, and talk about how God made him happy with anyone who would listen.

And sometimes, people did not listen. Many people told Kerry to be quiet and go away. Some people tried to ignore him, or said mean things to him.

There were days Kerry felt sad that people ignored him, or told him to be quiet. He understood that some people never felt the same way about God that he did. But day after day, Kerry still tried to do things he felt would bring him closer to God.

What would you tell Kerry to do? Would you change anything?