**BLINDNESS IN THE EXCLUDED Middle
Part 4 - Bartimeus**

*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.*

Mark 10:46-52

I. Bartimeus was stuck by the highway of life with the hidden heartbreak of listening as others advanced.

\* Do you feel stuck as a result of your blindnesses in life?

II. A fight always precedes or immediately follows illumination by God. (Hebrews 10:32)

 *32 Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering.*

A. Three key words:

“Great.” - mega

“Fight.” - athlesis - You become a committed athlete.

“Afflictions.” - pathema - Attacks of Mental pressure

B. If you’re receiving a word from the Lord over your life,

\* you’ll go through a mega ordeal.

\* you’ll feel like you were thrown into a fight that comes to challenge what God has spoken over you

\* you’ll find the devil tries to assault your mind and emotions with lies and accusations and fears.

III. Bartimeus threw aside the symbol of the old life in order to come to Christ.

IV. Time to answer the $50,000 question/What would you that I do unto you?

\* What do you really want? Crumbs or sight?