Mark 10:46-52 July 16, 2017

***Take Heart!***

46And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

# Take Heart:

# *Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

# *Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:14*

# *Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. Matthew 9:22*

# Courage:

# *“Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”*

# The Courageous Example of Bartimeaus: *The pathway to courage*

# Recognizing who Jesus is *47And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”* *And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

# Responding to God’s call *49And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”* *35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”*

* *The disciples wanted honour, position and power; Bartimeaus wanted to see.*
* *The disciples sought for control over others; Bartimeaus wanted to be free to walk and not fall.*
* *Bartimeaus’s faith made him whole; The disciples’ self-centeredness made them blind.*

1. **Restoration of Sight***And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.*

*As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
 Mark 10:17*

1. **Reflecting the example of Jesus***42And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever would be first among you must be slaveof all. 45For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”Mark 10:42-45*