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Good Morning

I suggest that as normal we rest in silent stillness before we begin.....

Loving Father God,
be with us in our distress;
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick,
hope to the fearful,
and comfort to mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our Government,
and patience to us all.
Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 1

The Two Ways

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Luke 18: 35-end

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Reflection

I love the way that Jesus seeks out the man who shouts him and actually 'Asks' what he wants Jesus to do? Jesus, Son of God knows everyones heart but he was so polite that he didn't assume but asked.

I began to wonder whether we are as polite with other people. Do we actually **stop to listen.....and actually 'ask'** what we can do to help. Or do we just assume and maybe help in the wrong way?.....

I also stopped to ask myself another question...what is the impairment I would ask Jesus to heal if he stood before me? Take a moment and seriously ask yourself: what would I ask Jesus to do for me? The challenge is we typically have more than one impairment that we would like Jesus to heal. What is the "blindness" in your life that affects you? Today is a good opportunity for us to ask ourselves: what is my blindness? Am I ready to ask to be healed of my blindness? Or does my blindness protect me in some ways? The human reality is most of us have our sight. However, every individual also has their "blind spots." It seems to be an integral part of all human beings.

If today Jesus were to ask us: "What do you want me to do for you?" What would be our response? What will be our response?

Open your heart to Jesus! Bring your longings to Jesus! He will not fail you! AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Vicky