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- A. A blind beggar sits by the roadside while Jesus is approaching.
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C. Lessons:

- 1. The best opportunity to encounter God is when we are most aware of our need.
- 2. Difficult times are often a gift for people to see their need for the Lord *Is 55:6-7*
- II. Those that see with their heart can see more than those that only see with their eyes.

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III. Those that seek the Lord with a seeing heart gain his merciful attention.

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- A Jesus attention was captivated by the blind man's insight. Jesus stops and calls for the blind man.
- B v40 Jesus saw the value of his seeing heart.
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 - (a) Bartimaeus saw the promised One of God.
 - (b) Bartimaeus saw the Descendant whose throne would be established forever.
 - (c) Bartimaeus saw the one who would build God a house.
 - 2 Question: Have you really seen Jesus' with your heart?
- C v41 Jesus prompts the man, so that He would plead his need from his heart: "What do you want?"
- **D** v42 Jesus pronounces two levels of healing. (physical and spiritual)
- E v43 God's miracle accomplished much more than just give sight: _____
- F **Application:** Until we see the Savior with our heart, will never regain what we once had.

THINK AND PRAY: Is God crossing paths with you this morning?

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- 2. Would you like to regain what you one lost?
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