

Sermon Reflection

Sermon Title: Don't Miss Your Moment – September 20, 2026

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46–52 (NIV)

Main Scripture

Mark 10:49–50 (NIV)

“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.’ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.”

Key Thought

There are moments when God gives us an opportunity to move forward, but we must recognize the moment, push past the voices around us, and be willing to release what belongs to where we have been.

Overview

Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road when he heard that Jesus was passing by. He could not see Jesus, but he recognized that this moment could change his life. When others tried to silence him, he cried out even louder. And when Jesus called him, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, got up, and went to Him.

Bartimaeus reminds us that some moments require a response. We cannot allow fear, people, or what we have become comfortable carrying to cause us to miss what God is doing right in front of us.

Point 1

Recognize Your Moment

Scripture

Mark 10:47 (NIV)

“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

Reflection

Bartimaeus could not see what was happening, but he recognized who was passing by. He understood that this was not an ordinary moment. Jesus was near, and Bartimaeus refused to allow the opportunity to pass without responding.

Sometimes God is moving in our lives, but we can become so focused on our circumstances that we fail to recognize the moment in front of us. Every opportunity may not come the way we expected. We must remain sensitive enough to recognize when God is giving us an opportunity to move, grow, or experience something different.

Reflection Questions

What opportunity might God be placing in front of me right now?

Am I paying attention to what God is doing around me?

Could I be overlooking a moment because it does not look the way I expected?

This Week's Application

Pay attention to where God may be moving.

Do not allow your present circumstances to make you miss a new opportunity.

Be ready to respond when your moment comes.

Point 2

Push Past the Voices Around You

Scripture

Mark 10:48 (NIV)

“Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more...”

Reflection

The crowd tried to silence Bartimaeus, but he refused to allow their voices to become louder than his desire to reach Jesus. The very people around him could have caused him to miss the moment that changed his life.

There will always be voices that tell us what we cannot do, why we should remain where we are, or why things will never change. Sometimes those voices even come from people close to us. We have to be careful not to allow the opinions of others to become more influential than what we believe God is calling us toward.

Reflection Questions

Whose voice has the greatest influence over my decisions?

Am I allowing the opinions of others to keep me from moving forward?

What voices do I need to stop allowing to define what is possible for me?

This Week's Application

Be careful whose voice you allow to influence you.

Do not let discouragement silence your faith.

Keep pursuing what God has placed before you.

Point 3

Release What Belongs to Your Old Season

Scripture

Mark 10:50 (NIV)

“Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.”

Reflection

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was calling him, he threw his cloak aside and moved toward Jesus. The cloak belonged to the life he had been living, but Bartimaeus was responding as though he expected something to change.

Sometimes moving into something new requires releasing something connected to where we have been. It may be an old mindset, a past hurt, a familiar habit, fear, or something we have simply grown comfortable carrying. We cannot always carry everything from the old season into the new one.

Bartimaeus did not know exactly what would happen when he reached Jesus, but he was willing to leave something behind to move toward Him.

Reflection Questions

What am I still carrying from an old season?

Is there something I need to release in order to move forward?

Am I willing to let go of what is familiar to embrace what God may have next?

This Week's Application

Identify what no longer belongs in your life.

Release what is keeping you connected to your old season.

Move toward Jesus expecting something to change.

Living It Out This Week

Recognize the moment God has placed before you.

Push past the voices trying to hold you back.

Release what you cannot carry into your next season.

Pastoral Encouragement

Do not allow where you have been to convince you that where you are is where you have to stay. Bartimaeus began the day sitting beside the road, but one encounter with Jesus changed the direction of his life. He recognized his moment, refused to let the crowd silence him, and was willing to release what belonged to his old season. You may not know exactly what your next season will look like, but when God gives you an opportunity to move forward, do not be afraid to respond. Some things may have to be left behind, some voices may have to be ignored, and some steps may require faith. **When Jesus calls you forward, do not let anything cause you to miss your moment.**

Closing Prayer

Lord, help us recognize the moments You place before us. Give us courage to push past the voices that discourage us and wisdom to release what belongs to our old season. When You call us forward, give us the faith to get up and move toward You. In Jesus' name, Amen.