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The Backwards Gospel

Mark 10:17-52

- I love my wife. I am so blessed that I have a wife that has similar interests that I do. I have a wife who likes sports, and loves to play golf.
- She actually started playing golf before I did. Literally, all she wants to do on Valentines day, is go play 9 holes of golf (because the course is WIDE open on Valentine's Day) and then go get fast food Chinese.
 - I married the perfect woman!
- But sometimes, it can also back fire on me. Like whenever Fletcher was 5 or 6 months old, I'm at home playing single dad for a weekend. And I come to church that Sunday, looking like I've been hit by a truck, and people ask "Where's Rachel?"
 - "Oh she's playing in a golf tournament with some friends"
 - "Wait, so your wife is out on a golf trip, while you're home with the kids?....seem's a little backwards!"
 - Isn't that supposed to be the other way around??
 - Well, maybe, that'd be nice...i'd like to be on a golf trip...but it's going to be better this way. Why? Because happy wife, happy _____"
 - Sometimes things are just going to seem a little backwards compared to what's seemingly normal
- Like, Rachel does most of the cooking....let me rephrase that....Rachel does ALL of the cooking!
 - She's better at it than me, she will always be better at it than me...I don't want to get in her way

- And most people wouldn't think a thing about that, that's not backwards, that seems normal
- Until we're out front of the garage, have the blackstone out, and I have neighbors looking at me sideways because I'm sitting in the rocker, holding the baby while Rachel is grillin' up the burgers!
- Seem's backwards! But trust me, it's going to be better that way!
- I don't know if you have realized this, but the Gospel calls us to a live a life that traditionally will seem backwards to the rest of the world.
- We've talked about this many times throughout our series
 - Jesus doesn't call us to find ourselves, He calls us to die to ourselves
 - He doesn't tell us to aspire to be the best you, He tells us to love one another as He has loved you
 - The way to find your life is to lose your life
- It's all paradoxical! It's backwards compared to what the main influences of the modern world would tell you to do...but trust me, it's a better life
- Paul encourages the Corinthians when he said, ***"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."* -1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (ESV)**
 - Paul says that God does things in ways that no one else would do them, He calls us to live lives that no one else would live, and in the process He does something through us that no one else could do

- It seems crazy, it seems backwards...but it's really for the best
- In the coming passages in the Gospel of Mark that we are going to study today, Jesus has some interactions and teaches some things that are definitely going to seem backwards to his disciples, and really still seem backwards to many of us today
- And we start with an interaction that He has with a man who has been famously coined as the Rich Young Ruler
- ***“Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all***

these things I have kept from my youth.” Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but

not with God; for with God all things are possible.” -Mark 10:17-27 (NKJV)

- You see, the disciples are astonished because they would have been brought up with the mind set, that this man was Rich and Successful, because He was in a such great standing with God
 - The common thought would have been that this is such a good guy who has done so many good things, comes from a good family so God can't help but bless him with so many things!
 - So if he can't be saved, then who can be saved?!
 - So the first thing that Jesus has to address is this man's definition of "good."
 - Because we have a tendency to devalue the word "good."
 - Normally when we say something is good, what we really mean is that it could be better. So now, the word "good" can actually have more of a negative connotation to it
- So now when we hear that God is good, it doesn't really mean all that much to us.
 - Because culturally and personally we have taken this word "good" that is supposed to mean, *"Excellent, distinguished, upright, honorable"* and have turned it to mean *"Ok, mediocre, sub-par, not great"*
- *But God is not held by OUR definition of goodness*
 - And He does not take His Goodness lightly
 - God has been so passionate for so long about revealing His goodness to mankind that even back when Moses was in the tent of meeting talking with God in Exodus 33, he asks *"Please show me Your Glory,"* and the Lord replies, *"I'll let My goodness pass before you."*
 - *"Oh you want to see My glory, you want to see the miraculous, you want to see something incredible...I'll do you one better, I'll show you My goodness"*

- I have a sneaky suspicion that God does not appreciate His goodness being belittled
- The rich young ruler comes up to Jesus and he says, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- Jesus hears his question, but says, *“I gotta address one thing first...you call Me good, I don’t think that means, what you think it means.”*
- Here’s what Jesus is teaching us: **GOODNESS IS NOT BASED ON WHAT WE DO, GOODNESS IS BASED ON WHO GOD IS**
- This Rich Young Ruler would see himself, and everyone in town would see him as a good guy
 - He has good things because he has done good things and God has rewarded him for it
 - But whether he realizes it or not at this moment, he missing something, and missing something big.
- You know many people recount this story, talking about this rich young ruler as if he’s desperate.
 - Running up to Jesus, kneeling before him, begging Him for some answers
 - But I don’t necessarily think that would be the case
 - If this man really was desperate, I don’t think the interaction would have ended the way that it did.
- You see the way that this plays out, shows us where his heart was...and how he wasn’t really looking for answers, he was looking for affirmation
 - This man who is one of the most prominent figures in his area. Jesus is the most famous Man in the region. So it makes sense to him that they should link up, get acquainted, maybe collaborate on some things
 - He knows that Jesus is a teacher, he knows he’s been preaching about the Kingdom of

God...so he knows what language to use with Jesus

- And so when he see's his in, he takes his opportunity to run up to Jesus...kneel's before Him, a universal sign of respect, and says...
"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life."
- *Fully expecting Jesus to be like, "My man, your good! You got it! Come on, bring it in... lets get a picture, instagrams gonna love it"*
 - *He didn't come to Jesus seeking answers, He came seeking affirmation*
 - But as soon as he asks the question, he begins to realize, this conversation isn't going to go the way he expected...
- Jesus asks, *"Why do you call Me good?" NO ONE is good except God alone."*
- Now this is what most people will take issue with
- You'll ask many people, even some self-proclaimed Christians, how they're

relationship with God is- or if they know whether or not they're going to heaven

- The most common answer is, "well yeah, I'm a good person"
- What makes you think you're "good"?
- We, as this rich young ruler, have bought into the idea that we are inherently good. WE have bought into the idea that "you are perfect, just the way you are."
- But in fact the opposite is true, we are NOT perfect, we are inherently NOT good...we are inherently self-centered, sinful individuals
- Selfishness doesn't have to be taught, bad behavior doesn't have to be taught, it has to be corrected, why? Because we are inherently NOT GOOD
 - We have been this way, ever since the first sin entered the world
- And if you don't think that you are a sinful, self centered individual...think about it....

- Why do you ever do good things? If you're honest with yourself you'll come to realize that its because it makes you feel good. I feel better about myself when I do something good for someone. If I do good, things will be better for me.
- *We can't get away from it, because even our good acts are rooted in our selfishness*
- Now I'm not trying to beat you up, I just want to do what Jesus always did, by trying to help us all come to the end of ourselves and realize there is no hope found within yourself or YOUR efforts
- Our only hope, is to appeal to something or Someone who IS inherently good because we are not!
- We may have a good moment from time to time, in Matthew 7:11, Jesus says, *"So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him."*
- So Jesus even acknowledges that we may have good moments but what we try to do is base our goodness around our good moments
 - But Keep in mind, Jesus doesn't say, no one DOES good but God, He says no one IS Good but God
- God IS good. He doesn't just DO good
 - We base goodness around what we do, God bases goodness around who HE is
 - This is important because we'll hear of someone surviving an accident, overcoming a sickness, or getting a raise at work and we'll be like "Isn't God good?!?"
 - Well, yes He is, but is that what makes Him good?
 - Is He still good for the one, who didn't get a raise, but actually got laid off?
 - Is He still good to the one who didn't survive the accident?
- 2 Friends in college....

- Is He still good to the friend who lost His dad?
- I would absolutely say that God is still good, because that friend will also testify to how God has with him throughout the hardest time of his life
 - *I would appeal that is one of the most powerful testaments to God's goodness because He is always there*
 - That's what makes Him such a Good Father, because He never misses a moment.
 - You'll hear of two different children, one has a dad who gives him anything he wants at any moment, but is never actually around
 - The other has a dad who doesn't give him everything he wants when he wants it, but is at every game, every recital, every practice, every family dinner, he knows when his dad gets home, he's actually going to be home and spend time with him

- He may not fully appreciate it, but the kid who gets everything is always jealous of the kid who actually gets the presence of his father
- And that is the picture of the Good God we serve
 - He's not the reflection of your earthly father, He's the Perfection of your earthly father
 - *He's the Good Father who has never missed a moment. The friend that sticks closer than a brother, the Good God who is near to the broken hearted, the Good Father who will never leave you and never forsake you*
- THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS SEEN IN HIS CONSTANT PRESENCE
 - He won't keep you from hard and troubling times, but He promises to stay right beside you, hold your hand, lift your head, and walk with you every moment of every day
 - *He is Good because He is always there*
 - But we don't always get that

- We think if things don't go our way, that means God has gone away
- And before you know it we try to take goodness into our own hands
- We like this rich young ruler, have begun to believe that we can be good all on our own and when we come to God we aren't looking for more directions, we're looking for a pat on the back
- Because even in the midst of feeling like we're doing good. Feeling like our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds, we still feel this sense of lacking something
- So we eventually go to God, and say "God, I'm good right?!"
- NO ONE IS GOOD EXCEPT GOD ALONE
- But Jesus understands this man's way of thinking
- He understands that this man's version of good is based around a performance

- ***"You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "*** ***And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."*** -Mark 10:19-20 (NKJV)

- *Really? Have you tho? All...of these? Come on*
- First off Jesus, is taking it easy on him, because Jesus only recites 6 of the commandments, and these are arguably the easier and more practical of the commandments to keep
- But even so, looking at this list...*adultery, murder, steal, defraud*..ok i'll give you those
 - But bear false witness?? You telling me you've never lied?
 - Honor your father and mother? Let's get your momma out here and let her tells us

how much of a little angel you HAVEN'T been your entire life

- But still, Jesus takes it easy on him
 - ONE THING you lack...
 - Hold up Jesus, one thing??
 - First off, you haven't even mentioned the other commandments, and you know he's lying about the first 6...this man obviously has MANY things that he lacks
- *Marks, says Jesus looked at him and loved him*
 - This was all about love, Jesus is going straight to the heart of the matter
 - This wasn't about changing his behavior, this was about changing his heart
 - Because changed behavior is a byproduct of a changed heart, not the other way around.
 - So Jesus is going straight to the heart of the issue

- ***“Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” -Mark 10:21 (NKJV)***

- That seems a bit drastic Jesus...
 - *I've heard it said that you need to do something drastic to your sin before your sin does something drastic to you*
- But remember, this is not about the amount of possessions this man has, this is about his heart
 - *God can not be your everything until you give Him everything*
- *But this is the next aspect of the backwards Gospel that Jesus is teaching us:*
- **THE MORE THAT WE GIVE, THE MORE THAT WE WILL HAVE**

- He says, sell all you have, give it to the poor, you will have treasure in Heaven, and come and follow me
- Jim Elliot once famously quoted, *“He is no fool who gives away what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”*
- What Jesus is really saying is that *“The one thing you’re lacking is ME!”*
 - The emphasis of what Jesus is saying is not on his stuff, its on the invitation to follow Him
 - *“Trust Me, Follow Me, Do life with Me...let go of those things that have been holding your heart hostage for so long and I’ll show you how much better I Am*
 - *If you have Jesus you have everything, if you don’t have Jesus, you have nothing!*
- And the struggle is, the more stuff that we have crowding our lives, the easier it is to allow those things to push Jesus out of our lives.
- Man, the week before last, I was in the Dominican Republic with Emma, Jalisa, and some friends from one of our partner churches
 - And we were serving in an area of La Romana in one of the poorest areas of that region.
- And one day we were delivering groceries to some houses, and I say “houses” generously because some of theses people didn’t even have roofs. They just had pieces of tin that they used to make a barrier to claim their property and it was hit or miss whether some of them really had any actual housing structure on their space of land
 - These are a people that have literally nothing compared to our standards
 - But, you know, the poverty of it didn’t really get to me. I felt like it was supposed to, but at the same time this is the way that these people live, and have always lived
 - Who was I to look down on these people with pity because of the way people live their

every day lives? Especially the ones who so obviously had a relationship with Jesus

- And I feel like I had a moment in the last grocery delivery of the day, where we are in this one lady's hut, house, whatever you wanna call it, and we were praying with her and she was praying with us...and I had this moment of realization where I thought, "Man, she has everything I have, and I have everything she has...because we both have Jesus"
- None of the added amenities mean anything! They have no real value!
- So the poverty didn't get me, but their generosity did.
- The last night we were there we held a revival. I preached with an interpreter and my buddy Josué preached. And at the end of the service, a giving box was set out front.
- There wasn't a word said about it, there was no call or ask to give. The box was just simply set out, and these people were all

pushing past each other to get to the box, just to give whatever they had

- These people, who by our standards, literally had nothing! Scrounged up whatever peso's they could possibly find, just to be able to give something to God
- Seeing some of those people, who's houses I was in the day before, go forward to give....I felt like I was seeing the widow's mite right in front of my eyes!
- It makes sense why Jesus would look at His disciples and say, ***"How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."***
-Mark 10: 23-25 (NKJV)

- Which is better?! Those who have nothing and live uncomfortably, but so easily recognize their need for Jesus? Or those who have seemingly everything and are comfortable, but can't see how badly we really need a Savior?
- Jesus gave the rich young ruler the opportunity to recognize his true need, but yet he went away sad...why? Because he didn't hear what he wanted to hear
 - He went away sad...not mad, not frustrated, not annoyed...sad
 - Why? I would say that he was sad because he recognized what he really needed, but it didn't line up with what he wanted...and he chose what he wanted over what he really needed
 - He gave up nothing, and as a result, he had nothing.
- Jesus isn't anti-rich. He's pro-heart
 - Jesus goes on to explain when the disciples ask Him "who then can be saved?" He says,

"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

- In Luke's account, Jesus proves it in the very next chapter when Zacchaeus, a very rich man, repents and Jesus declares that salvation has come to his house!!
- And now this definitely seems backwards!
 - Because of these two rich men, The Rich Young Ruler was the one who made his money honestly, fairly, he was well respected, seen as a good man!
 - But Zacchaeus? The Chief tax-collector? The Crook? Who made his fortune off of ripping people off?? He isn't the one Jesus sends away sad??
 - No, because Jesus had captured his heart. He was willing to give away half of his stuff to the poor, and repay with interest all of the people he ripped off...because Jesus now meant more to him. He was willing to give anything, because Jesus had become his everything.

- But the rich young ruler? Went away a sad poor man.
- Then Peter speaks up in verse 28, ***“Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” -Mark 10:28-31 (NKJV)***
- Jesus is telling them that this is all backwards
 - He says, every person that gives anything up for My sake and the Gospels...will get all of that returned to them, and WAYYY more! Not only in this life, but the life to come!
- Whatever you give up for God, God will give back way more to you!
- And so many of us will never experience this kind of blessing because we’re not willing to give anything up
- And this is not about writing a check here or there
- This is about making sure that there is nothing standing in the way of your relationship with Jesus and you’re following Him
 - If your location is in the way of your relationship with Jesus, it’s time to follow Him to a new location
 - And that new place will always be better than where you were
 - If a relationship is hindering your relationship with Jesus, it’s time to follow Him out of that relationship
 - And He will bless you with a better one later

- If you ever have to choose between your job, and serving God...whenever you choose Him, over the security of your paycheck and benefits, He promises to provide for you, to bless you, and to make sure you get an even better job in a better situation
- Now, where the prosperity Gospel has come in and twisted this teaching, is by removing all aspect of sacrifice in this
 - They teach you can have all of the blessings without any of the struggle
 - They teach that you get all of the rewards without paying any of the price.
- But whatever you have to give up for the Gospel will hurt. It will sting, but if we are obedient He will bless us
 - And whatever that blessing looks like, vary's person to person, and case to case...
 - But our job is not to monitor the blessings He gives us and others...no our job is to just focus on following Him
- And again Jesus says in verse 31: ***“But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” -Mark 10:31 (NKJV)***
- Here's the last backwards aspect of the Gospel for us today:
 - **SUCCESS IS FOUND IN SERVING**
 - This chapter ends with two very different requests being made of Jesus.
 - I won't have it here on the screen, but in verse 35-45, James and John come to Jesus and say, ““Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”
 - Jesus says, “Ok, what do you want me to do?”
 - They say, “Whenever you enter your kingdom, in Your Glory, let us two be at your right and left hands.”
 - Translation: We want to have the two highest positions, outside of Yourself, in Your Kingdom.”

- They want the blessing, they want the Glory...but Jesus says “Are you willing to make the sacrifice?”
- He says, “You don’t know what you’re asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism I have to go through?”
- In the previous section, Jesus for the third time predicts His death. He tells them, that He’s going to be betrayed, condemned, and delivered to death...He will be mocked, scourged, spit on, and killed!”
- So He’s asking James and John, “you ready to go through all of that??”
 - And they, not knowing what they are really saying, say, “We are, we’re ready!”
 - Now, they would go through it one day. James would be the first of the Apostles to be martyred whenever he was beheaded in AD 44
- John would be boiled alive and whenever that didn’t kill him, he would be exiled to the island of Patmos
- So they definitely did end up drinking the cup and being baptized with that kind of sacrifice...but they weren’t there yet, and Jesus is letting them know that they are thinking about this thing all wrong
- James and John are seeking powerful, prominent, positions...but Jesus says the highest position that you should seek to obtain in this life, is that of a servant.
- Now, that is completely backwards...even Jesus tells them how backwards it is compared to how the world they lived in operated: ***“You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be***

slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:42-45 (NKJV)

- If Jesus gauged His success by His giving and His serving...how much more should we aspire to be givers and servers!
 - But we are so engrained to think that we are supposed to be living out this American dream where I obtain all that I can, climb all of the ladders, and the more successful I am, the more people I will have serving me!!
 - But Jesus says, if you want to be in the highest position with the most influence in My Kingdom? Be the best servant.
- There's a powerful verse in John chapter 13, whenever Jesus washed His disciples feet. It says, ***“Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God. So He got up from the table took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His***

waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet” -John 13:3-5

- Here's something to remember, **“The more secure you are in your Heavenly position, the less insecure you will be in your earthly position.”**
- Think about it, why are we so hesitant to take the form of a servant like Jesus did, or cringe at the thought of lowering ourselves and counting others more significant than ourselves?
 - It's insecurity...we are terrified of being low on the totem pole and we feel like we have to do everything we can to prove that we are important or valuable
 - I know the feeling, I grew up the youngest of 5, and I can't tell you how many times I've heard, “Kenny, you're the youngest, you don't even tell the dog what to do!”

- And in turn, I developed a complex where I thought I had to constantly prove that I was a leader, that I had value, that I was worthy of recognition...
 - And it's a mind set that I have to constantly fight against.
- But Jesus gives us the blue print of how to cultivate a TRUE SERVANTS HEART
- If we know, and become confident and secure in the Father. Know that we have been given spiritual authority as Children of God, know that everything that we have comes from God, and that we will be returning to God once this vapor of a life is over,
 - Well then we can begin to serve out of a place of true confidence and genuine love, because we won't be looking to gain anything from anyone else because we will already be secure in everything we've been given in Christ
- Again, "The more secure you are in your Heavenly position, the less insecure you will be in your earthly position."
- And the best way to be secure in who we are in Christ...is to remember who we were before Christ, or who we would be without Him.
- Look at the final portion of this chapter: ***"Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.' And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said***

to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.” -Mark 10:46-52 (NKJV)

- 2 amazing things about this passage as we close:
- First, it's the man's name. Blind Bartimaeus.
 - His name literally means **Bartimaeus: son of Timæus (or the unclean)**
 - So everyone is trying to get this man to be quiet, because Jesus is too Holy and Pure for this unclean man!
- But Jesus, who has come to SERVE not to BE SERVED, hears the cries of the unclean man....and Mark says, Jesus STOOD STILL
 - What a beautiful picture...in midst of Jesus having a thousand things going on, people

pulling Him from every direction, as He is literally on the path to the Cross

- He stops everything, to have the blind-unclean man brought to Him
- And He asks the man what He can do for him, and he asks for his eye sight
- And Jesus says go your way, your faith has made you well, and he received his eye sight, but he didn't go his way!
 - No! Jesus was his way now!
 - He received his sight! He could go see the sights! Go see everything that He had been missing!
 - But the only thing that he wanted to see was Jesus, and whatever direction He was going, he was going to follow!
- Whatever we ask of Jesus, should always be for the goal of following Him better
 - But more often than not our asks, are more about our comfort.

- Think about it! I wonder what percentage of our prayers are more about God helping make our lives easier
- Come on, how often are we James and John, just asking God to send us up the ladder, so we can look good
- But we serve such a gracious God, that He still hears our requests, He's gracious with us, He's patient with us...and if we open our hearts enough, we just might let Him help change our perspective
- Because the prayers we really need to be praying are:
 - I'm blind without you Lord! Let me see so I can follow you better?!
 - I got a crowded heart Lord! What do I have to give up so I can follow you better!?
 - I'm too full of myself Lord! How can I be a better servant so I can follow you better?!
- Our ask should always be about following Him better
- And He never get's tired of us calling out to Him.