

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." *Mk 10:46-47* As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw this blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself. Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and how you must pray. Observe the humility of your fallen state, the isolation of your experience from your sin, and the perseverance you need to have in prayer. Follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart so that you can follow Him more fully every day.

Are you living for more? Young adults, you are invited to our **NET Live for More Night!** It's an opportunity for young adults (18-30yrs) from North Lakes to Tugan to embrace community, purpose, and the gift that you are to the world and our church. The free event will feature time to connect with local young adults, dinner, input, live worship and adoration. **When: Tuesday October 29 at 6pm. Where: Emmanuel City Mission. 10A Cordelia Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101**