

SERMON TOPIC: ONCE MORE

SERMON OUTLINE

Imagine hearing rumours of a man who heals the deaf, the blind and even brings the dead back to life. The blind man was desperate for healing, that he did not allow anyone to influence his decision to receive healing. Sometimes in life you need to be **Passionate, Tenacious, Specific, Optimistic & Thankful.**

KEY POINTS

Luke 18 v 35 – 43 (A Blind Man Receives His Sight)

³⁵ Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. ³⁶ And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷ So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹ saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."⁴² Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.


1. **PASSIONATE:** The blind beggar shouted to get Jesus' attention. Passion stirs our faith. When we seek God with all our heart, our passion draws the attention of God.
2. **TENACIOUS:** Even when the crowd told the blind man to be quiet, he did not give up. He shouted louder. Similarly, in Luke 18:1-8 Jesus encourages us to be tenacious in prayer by telling the story of a widow who combined persistence and faith until her plea was answered.
3. **SPECIFIC:** Jesus insisted that the blind man ask specifically for what he wanted. James 4:2-3 is clear that we often have not because we ask not.

4. **OPTIMISTIC:** Our faith, our attitude, should be one of expectancy and trust. Mark 11 v 24

5. **THANKFUL:** The blind man praised God and so did all those around him when he received his sight. Gratitude is the ultimate expression of faith. Philippians 4:6 directs us to not be anxious about anything but pray with thanksgiving as we present our requests to God. Be bold in your faith and ask God for His power in your life. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)

A Blind Man Healed at Bethsaida

MARK 8 V 22 - 25

²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then He put *His* hands on his eyes **ONCE MORE** and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶ Then He sent him away to his house, saying,  "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

SUMMARY:

ONCE MORE, two simple words, but it means so much. It speaks about a second chance, another opportunity. It speaks about allowing God to come in, He has done it before He can do it again. Give God an opportunity in *that* area just ONCE MORE, when you do that you will receive your healing (Mark 8 v 25) and your soul will rest (Ps 116 v 7).

