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ARE YOU DESPERATE ENOUGH?

Mark 10:48 (NKJV)

Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

If you are going to make a fresh start with faith in your life, you have to face your fears. Don't let fear control you (2 Tim 1:7)

Fear has an incredible ability to stop us from launching out, and fear will keep us from having faith in our lives; and without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb 11:6)

When we choose fear over faith: a) It makes us skeptical - we're afraid of trying anything new; b) It makes us selfish - we're afraid to commit to God and others; c) It makes us shortsighted - we focus on the past and not the future.

Bartimaeus, the blind man, faced a fear that is familiar to many of us: the fear of rejection. He knew it wasn't "cool." He knew it wasn't the right thing to do in the crowd - "shout out at Jesus." He knew people would look down on him, "**but he was desperate.**"

He knew Jesus was the only one who could help him.

But God is asking (you) - (say me) to do something greater than you've ever done before. He is asking you to depend on Him (Prov 3:5-6) completely: that may seem scary - but when God asks us to do something we can either

Fall back on our fears and stay where we are or move past our fears and step forward in faith (maybe-desperation for change).

God is always ready and able to meet us on the other side of any step that we take in faith.