

**God looks for mercy,
God looks with mercy**

**Face to Face Story 6
Mark 10:46-52**

Bartimaeus

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While Jesus was out
with the plain village folk
He was shooting some stories,
and sharing a joke
He walked straight past
a poor old blind bloke
Who was begging for money
because he was broke



He sat on the ground
and took off his cloak
And laid it before him
and cried out with a croak
He called out to people,
for money and kindness
for a man who was stuck
in a life of dark blindness



Now Bart's eyes had failed him
but man was he clever
and his ears and his nose
were as healthy as ever
So he knew what was happening
all round him all day
All the comings and goings
all the deals all the play



And Bart had been listening
to all that was told
of the heroes and kings
in the stories of old.
He knew of old Moses
and David the king
He knew of their faith
and he knew of their sin



‘Have mercy on me’
was a line that he knew
from the prayers of King David
who had written a few.

King David wronged
both a woman and man,
In the very worst
ways that anyone can



But Bart knew that this
was a prayer he could borrow
A prayer that would fit
for any-sized sorrow
So he called it out long
and he called it out loud
'Have mercy on me'
– Jesus heard through the crowd



Now Jesus is someone
who's listening out
For the prayers that we whisper
and the prayers that we shout



And he takes them to heart
and asks what they're about
And so up jumped Blind Bart,
now he hadn't a doubt



Bart left his cloak and collection of cash
He was over to Jesus as quick as a flash



Jesus saw he was in with his whole heart
“What do you want me to do for you,
Bart?”



'Teacher,' said Bart,
'Let me see once more.'
And Jesus said 'Go!
that's just what faith's for'



But Bart wasn't leaving
What else would he do?
Now following Jesus
Bart's one of the crew.

