

# Lent *devotions*

## READ:

Mark 10:32-52 (click to open link)

## REFLECT:

I had eye surgery ten years ago. For the first forty years of my life my vision was awful. I could read fine, but I couldn't see anything far without my glasses. No way I could drive without them. I couldn't even see what time it was on the clock when I woke up in the middle of the night.

The eye doctor said I had quick eye reflexes and wasn't the best of patients. He gave me some sedatives and relaxers before the surgery. I don't remember much. I went home after the surgery and woke up a few hours later and it was amazing. For the first time in my life, I had 20 / 20 vision. That was a good day. A day I will never forget.

Helen Keller said: "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." As a blind person, she was authorized to say such a thing. Vision for the future is greater than the ability to see.

Bartimaeus had neither physical vision from his eyes or a hopeful vision emerging from his mind until he encountered Jesus. When he encountered Jesus and his eyesight was restored. He had a hope and vision for the future for the first time in a long time and his future began with following Jesus.

If Jesus restored both Bartimaeus' eyesight and vision for the future then Jesus can restore your vision for the future. Bartimaeus had faith and was willing to follow Jesus. Those are our first two steps to a restored vision for life.

## RESPOND:

Write down your current visions. Vision is a picture of a preferred future.

1 year vision:

5 year vision:

Now do something else. Imagine you are full of faith. Imagine you are closely following Jesus. Maybe your response doesn't change. Maybe it does. But write down your vision again.

1 year vision:

5 year vision:

Write down a next step to making your one year and five year visions become reality. Commit to taking these steps.