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Experiencing life and liberty by the Spirit brings you to a place of decision. Will you have the courage to leave the place of comfort you've settled in?

Your declaration of complete dependance on Jesus leads you upward to a new untrodden path that will be uncomfortable and will press you to go beyond established norms.

THE HOLY SPIRIT – Empowers us to live out our purpose.

***Mark 10: 46-47***

*Bartimaeus would not let his blindness keep him from seeing Jesus.*

***Don't let your past, your hurt, your pain, your drama, or your trauma keep you from Jesus.***

*Bartimaeus would not let the crowd silence him; he would be heard.*

***Though others may know Jesus as teacher, philosopher, or food delivery guy, you know Him as Messiah!***

*A man not socially tactful, but fearlessly persistent.*

***Don't let the voices of doubt, unbelief, or religious protocol keep you from calling out to Jesus.***

*Bartimaeus calling Jesus Messiah, along with his persistence, moved Jesus to stop.*

***We, like Bartimaeus, refuse to be labeled by our lack, illness, or inadequacy.***

***We push past the crowd's influence to be heard. Tactfulness falls by the wayside, fearless persistent takes over, and God meets you there.***

**Mark 10:49-50**

***Bartimaeus cast away the garment that identified him as a blind man.***

***What is God asking you to cast away? Toxic relationships? Addictions and habits? The wrong job? Expectations?***

***These all represent security outside of God.***

***Can God give you HIS best when you're holding on to YOUR best?***

For the next couple of weeks, try to leave behind your past religious, charismatic, denominational experiences. Shed past or even present identifiers that don't align with God's truth. These experiences have blurred your view of spiritual things. The Holy Spirit is asking you to open your heart to the word of Jesus that brings Life and Liberty.

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***I cast off anything I find security in outside of God. My declaration of dependence on Jesus will be followed by action.***