

Shouting in the Dark

I. Light in the Darkness

3John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in **all** things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

A. EVIL DAYS or CONTINUAL FEAST?

Prov 15:15 All the days of the **afflicted** are **evil**,
but the **cheerful of heart** has a **continual feast**.

Our Challenge: *Find the FEAST.* **OVERFLOW**

B. The Challenges of this Season

COVID Crisis and Lockdown

Deaths and the economy

(Hydroxichloroquine controversy) [PragerU.com](https://www.prageru.com) debate not censorship

The murder of George Floyd sparked massive grief and peaceful protests for social justice, equality and righteousness

Riots and worse across the nation

It appears the Enemy is advancing his cause

How can our souls prosper?

CHURCH raise its voice. Neutrality — Complicity

The Body of Christ must advance Heaven's Cause

Cry Out, Spare Not,

Light in the Darkness. Salt of the Earth.

Chosen for this moment...

Information Age —> Need for REVELATION

Fractures, Factions —> Need for a KING

SURE, STEADY SEATED And NEVER CHANGES

Nothing Happens by accident in the life of believers

What appears chaotic is part of your eternal purpose

Remain in FAITH. Abide in LOVE.

This moment is designed to reveal what's in us, WHO is in us.

Don't be robbed! A FEAST in the presence of your enemies

II. Don't Be Silent

A. Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52

Last Healing Miracle in Marks Gospel

Mark 10:46 And they came to **Jericho**. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to **cry out** and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he **cried out all the more**, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 And Jesus **stopped** and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."

50 And **throwing off his cloak**, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

B. Jericho – 846 ft below sea level. 20 miles from Jerusalem (3500 feet higher)

A SUPERNATURAL SOUND released a MASSIVE MIRACLE.

Some things won't fall until we SHOUT at it.

Use our VOICE Rooted in FAITH PASSION **UNITY**

In ONE ACCORD

Lay down self-determinism, s-expression,

Petty differences to COME TOGETHER

DESPERATELY NEEDED

Ps 34:3 Oh, magnify the Lord *with* me,
and let us exalt his name *together!*

PRAYER Shake us from apathy and fatalism

WE didn't grow up in the same house, but we are all

ONE HOUSE NOW

III. Bartimaeus' BREAKTHROUGH –

A. INSIGHT

He was sidelined, marginalized

What he lacked in **eyesight**, he made up for in **insight**

Whether you see JESUS the way I see HIM is inconsequential,

What matters is THE TRUTH OF HIS PERSON

He's the same Yesterday, today and forever.

FAITH, PASSION, and UNITY must be ROOTED in SCRIPTURE

B. INSIGHT can become REVELATION when we SPEAK

The crowd that could see Jesus had their opinions,

Bartimaeus, relegated to the sidelines HEARD –Jesus Nazareth

C. Removed CASUAL and COOL

Began to CRY OUT – Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!

Revelation (only Peter and some demons had called him that)

BLIND, BEGGING, UNPOPULAR, IRRELEVANT, and LOUD,

His cry was UNWELCOME!

ALL HE HAD WAS A **VOICE**

It may be DARK, but KEEP your FAITH!

Don't let the crowd, the voice of the discourager SILENCE you
SON OF TIMAEUS — Maybe rejected, for sure unfortunate

Thing you're ashamed of may be a **setup** to bring God GLORY.

INTERNALLY — “How did I get here? My family left me/” But in a
moment, a SOUND grows that echoes through eternity — Jesus
SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY!

Not SAFE, COOL or CONVENIENT.

A DESPERATE moment – He didn't pipe down, he GOT LOUDER!

B. REVERSED COURSE — REPENTANCE

When MANY REBUKED HIM, He **CRIED ALL THE MORE**

He was already moving in the direction of his miracle

C. REVEALED CHRIST

Jesus stopped, stood still

Healer of my body, my family, my finances, my purpose

Call him. Take heart. Get up. He's calling.

Throwing off the cloak — his security and identity

Sprang up and came.

BLANK CHECK! What do you want me to do FOR you?

RECOVER my sight (Restore my life)

**generational poverty
sin & disease**

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- **finances**
- **doctor's report**
- **when it hurts**
- **shouting at a big wall (Jericho wall)**

IV. SET FREE –

Go **your** way; your FAITH has made you well (SOZO).
He followed Jesus ON **the way**.

Our Free Response - Return to the State of Joy

Ps 34:3 Oh, magnify the Lord **with** me,
and let us exalt his name **together!**

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh, **taste and see** that the Lord is **good!**
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him **have no lack!**

ASSIGNMENT – PRAY W Someone. Gather in homes.
SHOUT in the DARK

Racism will be replaced by Righteousness

Anger replaced with Steadfast Love