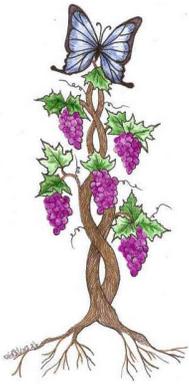


Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



October 28, 2018

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

I Want to See Jesus

Object: A bouquet of flowers



Isn't this a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as these beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Bible of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

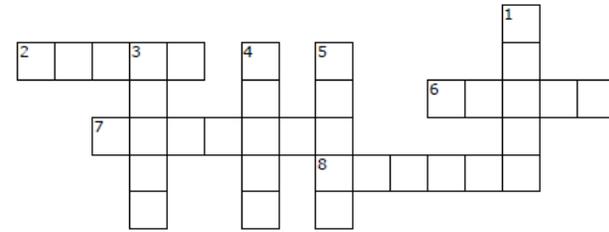
"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Fanny Crosby was one of those people. When Fanny was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Fanny did not complain. Instead she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music and many of them are still in our hymnals today, such as *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* and *Blessed Assurance*.

Mighty God, we thank you for the gift of sight, for the wonder of creation, and for the gifts that you give us. Help us to see your love in the world every day and to share that love with others. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. Kind or compassionate treatment
- 6. Making little or no noise
- 7. Making an urgent plea; asking for charity
- 8. To be restored to health; cured

DOWN

- 1. Unable to see
- 3. To make happier or more joyful; a shout of encouragement
- 4. Confident belief in the truth
- 5. The ability to see

blind	mercy	cheer	healed
begging	quiet	faith	sight

BLINDFOLD COLORING: Blindfold all students and put color crayons and paper in front of them. Have them draw a beautiful bouquet of flowers!

Family Table Prayer for October

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest
 May this food by you be blessed.
 Amen.

October Memory Verse: Deut 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Mark 10:46-51

