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22 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” 24 And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

The man was blind.

- The disciples were blind.
 - They saw the miracles and still couldn't see who Jesus was.
 - “For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).
- Sin blinds us from seeing who Jesus really is.

He needed a touch from Jesus.

- He knew it. His friends knew it.
- Jesus is the only one who can give sight to the blind.
 - You must be born again to see!

- Repent, Believe, & Be baptized

His vision was blurry.

- The disciples' vision was blurry.
- Your vision is blurry.
 - Who do you say that He is?
 - Do you see people as trees, walking?
- He was not content with blurry vision.
 - “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength” (Ephesians 1:17-19).
- Don't be content with blurry vision!

He needed another touch from Jesus.

- You need more of Jesus in your life!
 - "The further up and the further in you go, the bigger everything gets. The inside is larger than the outside" (C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*).
- It took moments for the man's vision to become clear, but it took much longer for the disciples.
 - “Jesus can heal their blindness, but it will take some time, and it may not be easy. . . . They are in need of Jesus to continue to heal their blindness and to restore their spiritual perception. . . . What Jesus had done for this man, he will continue to be doing with his disciples. . . . And they will seek to have their eyes continually opened, their sight increasingly restored, and their vision of the kingdom constantly expanded” (Timothy G. Gombis, *The Story of God Bible Commentary*, 287-288).
- You have to spend more time with Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to change you.
 - “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13).

Response:

- Has the Lord opened your eyes?
- Are you seeking Jesus with all of your heart?
- Or are you content with blurry vision?