

## HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED

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Luke 18:35-43 is the account of the healing of blind Bartimaeus. The story might be unremarkable except for the stubbornness of a man who would not be silenced by others when he knew what he wanted. He wanted “mercy”, He said, and he knew where to get it from. When asked to be specific, he said he wanted to regain his sight, and Jesus did that for him. When you know what you want, and you know the only one that can give it to you, there is only one choice left, get up and go for it.

I have preached at churches where there were men blinder than Bartimaeus. They attended worship regularly with their families for years and years. They sang, they prayed, they listened in Bible class and to hundreds of sermons. Some even recommended that friends and acquaintances should also attend services. The only thing wrong was they never obeyed the gospel themselves. They couldn't tell you why when asked, but they never did. My only conclusion was that in spite of all the learning they received these men never knew what they really wanted.

They never knew they wanted mercy for their own sins. They never knew they wanted Jesus to give them spiritual sight. They were blinder than Bartimaeus because he at least could see what he wanted and went after it. If you know what you want from Jesus, why keep waiting for it. Get up and get moving.