

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE**

### **THE FUTURE IS STRONGER THAN YOU THINK**

- A big influence in our lives
  1. Not just the past that shapes our lives - our belief about the future plays a big role
  2. Our vision of the future can't be based on externals, factors we can't control
  3. We can't simply tread water waiting for the world to change to our liking
- With God we can see a future brighter than the current negative climate (**Hebrews 12:2 NKJV**)
  1. Jesus saw a future beyond the cross - enabled Him to endure the cross
  2. He has not left us without a future and a hope

### **THE MAN WITH SEEMINGLY NO PROSPECTS OF A BETTER FUTURE**

**(Mark 10:46-52 NKJV)**

- Bartimaeus had no reason to expect his future to be better
  1. He had no ability to create positive change
  2. He was dependent on begging other people to sustain existence - begging is soul sapping
- He believed Jesus could make a difference in his life and future
  1. He did everything he could to connect with Jesus
  2. He was unwilling to give into the fear of people
- He believed that Jesus would help him
  1. As soon as he knew that Jesus had not rejected him - had not walked past him
  2. He believed his future was going to be different - better
  3. What Bartimaeus believed was important, very respectful of Jesus - My Great One

### **INFLUENCING YOUR FUTURE**

- What does your future look like?
  1. Depending on external factors - govt, economy, things stabilizing
  2. Do you feel empowered or stuck - do you even have the capacity to influence your future?
  3. Are you dependent on others for your future - waiting for everyone to get right or the right person
  4. Do you have an expectation that your future can be better - full of peace, strength, blessing
- Believe God can help you
  1. That He is still The Great One the Maker of heaven and earth
  2. Don't allow people to stop you from pursuing a relationship with God (**Isaiah 51:12-13 NKJV**)
- Believe that God will help you
  1. Based on His word, His promises (**Romans 8:31-32 NKJV**)
  2. When we believe we discard some of the old things that defined us
  3. We can believe that our future with God will be better