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Mark 10:46-52

In the midst of suffering, we may question whether God cares or even knows what we're going through. However, the problem isn't with the Lord—it's with our perception. We tend to judge God by our circumstances, but we should judge circumstances by the Lord's character and the power He demonstrated in Scripture.

The Bible teaches that our triune God is omniscient and knows all things perfectly and fully. No actions or persons are hidden from His sight, and the past, present, and future are all laid out before Him (Psalm 33:13-15; Heb. 4:13).

The Lord "searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts" (1 Chronicles 28:9). Therefore, He knows us intimately and understands what we really need. God's love and concern for us do not change, even if our pain is the result of our own sinful actions.

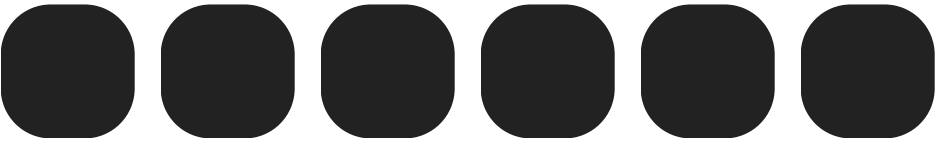
Jesus repeatedly demonstrated God's love and care for people. In fact, much of His ministry consisted of alleviating suffering along with teaching how to enter the kingdom of heaven. While traveling to Jerusalem in anticipation of the cross, Jesus encountered a blind beggar who kept crying out, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:48). Although the crowd told him to be quiet, Jesus stopped to restore his sight and affirm his faith.

And He will hear your cries for help as well because His love extends like a canopy over you. When your circumstances tempt you to doubt this, consider your limited perspective and trust in the character of your God. Accept Jesus’ invitation to bring your burdens to Him and find rest for your soul (Matt. 11:28-30).

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