

## Living Free

True Identity

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“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...”  
Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.  
Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

## The True Identity of Bartimaeus

1. Bartimaeus knew he needed A Savior.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”  
Mark 10:46-47

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”  
John 9:1-2 (NIV)

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
Psalm 51:5 (NIV)

2. Bartimaeus refused to be Silenced.

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”  
Mark 10:48 (NIV)

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.  
Psalm 51:3 (NIV)

3. Bartimaeus abandoned his Old Life.

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”  
Mark 10:49-51 (NIV)

4. Bartimaeus embraced his Purpose.

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.  
Mark 10:52 (NIV)