

NAKED & UNASHAMED—PART 1
“TAKE THE NEXT STEP!”
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Genesis 2:25—“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

Vulnerable = Making a Move With No Guarantee of the Outcome

Mark 10:46-49—“Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “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!’ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’...”

We Learn That...

1) Begging Kept Him Bound

Mark 10:46—“...As Jesus and His disciples...were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus...was sitting by the roadside begging.”

Mark 10:47—“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

Hedgehog picture

2) Playing It Safe Is Dangerous

Mark 10:47—“...he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

3) There’s Going To Be Opposition

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

Mark 10:49—“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.’”

Mark 10:50—“Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.”

Mark 10:51—“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, ‘Rabbi, I want to see.’”

James 5:16—“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...”

Colossians 1:18 (NLT)—“Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body...”

The Big Idea:
Freedom Comes From Belonging & Being Connected To The Body