



## **Listen UP: The 'Pause' Button**

**Luke 9:51-55 and Mark 10:42-52**

### **Quick to LISTEN**

*Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...*

**James 1:19b**

### **S. Stop and pray for 'discerning ears.'**

Discernment is a 'Bible' word for the ability to perceive the truth - even though there might be a lack of evidence or information.

**Last week - everything someone says or does makes sense to them.**

**What would our responses/reactions look like if we believed that God is in charge of all the outcomes?**

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*51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.*

*52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.*

*54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"*

*55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them.*

*56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.*

**Luke 9:51-55**

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**When we experience opposition... there might be opportunity.**

**Stop, look, listen - Don't be distracted.**

- Jesus was insulted.
- Judaism was insulted.
- Customs were broken.

- Offenses were real.
- The disciples wanted to fight.
- Jesus had a plan.

**When we experience obstacles... there might be opportunity.**

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*46 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. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."*

*So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."*

*50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

*51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.*

*The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."*

*52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

**Mark 10:46-52**

**Disciples were distracted - Jesus was focused.**

- Stop and look to Jesus (pray) that God allows us to be spiritually perceptive in every situation (conversations and circumstances).
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When we experience opposition... there might be opportunity. (Luke 9:51-55)

**When we experience obstacles... there might be opportunity.** (Mark 10:46-52)

**Stop, look and listen.**

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**Stop and pray for discernment:**

**M. Motive**

**A. Attitude**

**P. Perception**

It's not about what we are doing...but

**What is Jesus doing?**

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**Personal Notes**