

OCTOBER 25, 2015



# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JEREMIAH 31:7-9

PSALM 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

HEBREWS 5:1-6

MARK 10:46-52

## REFLECTION

In the Gospel, the blind man asks Jesus to have pity on him. Jesus is so moved with compassion that he heals him. The blind man, Bartimaeus, does what St. Paul asked us to do last week, to show up with bold confidence before Jesus and ask for what we need. The sick, the blind, and the lame were outcasts. As outcasts, their society treated them no differently than ours today would perceive our worst sins. Would you boldly scream, "Jesus have pity on me! I lied, stole, and hurt someone?" Probably not. But, Jesus wants us to yell out his name. He wants us to trust in our faith. Believe in something that you cannot see or explain. Believe in something that stirs your heart.

## ACTION

Do something for someone that you pity. This Gospel is a great way to put into action the Corporal Works of Mercy. Grab a friend and volunteer to work in a soup kitchen or a food pantry by giving food out to people (not just sorting the food in the back).

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Whom did you pity and why do you pity them? Do you think others pity you?
- If you were in an argument with someone you loved about your faith, would you fight passionately to prove your beliefs in God or would you back down? Why or why not?