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Mark 10:52: Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

A number of years ago I had to have a hip replacement, which meant I had to do very little for three months. I could not drive or carry shopping I was really stuck. I was very fortunate in the friends and family who did so much for me but until the mending was done I just had to be still. In this time of recuperation, I was given many hours to contemplate what was going on in my life. It certainly was a humbling experience. Having to depend on others which had not been my normal way of doing things, made me realise just how difficult it must be for people who are housebound without a time limit, and for others who are blind or deaf or limited with a disability. These are life obstacles which we as able bodied can never really understand how they manage and most of the time they cope amazingly and with a heart of a lion manage to live lives in a way that is truly wonderful.

I had to learn to have patience and give thanks for the healing which was successful and I was able to again return to "normal" duties. Just like Bartimeaus who had been so patient waiting and praying that his sight would be restored by Jesus that he kept calling until Jesus heard him and his faith in Jesus was rewarded when Jesus healed him and told him his faith had made him well. We know that patience is the hardest of things when you are in pain or obstacles are put in your way. Yet we know that as we await if we take the time to listen, be still and know that God is working his purpose out. And in our Faith and love of God we know we will be made well and he ensured that there will be care around to help us and in love he will keep us in his care. Remember the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, and how I care for them (Matt 6:25-33). Then we know that Jesus sends the people to care for us always. Hearing God's whisper so clearly, trusting in the perfection of God's time and urging to "be still, and know that I am God" has kept me spiritually "well" and praising God and in our faith we will be made well.

Thank you Father for always being with us helping us in our times of need and stress. Amen