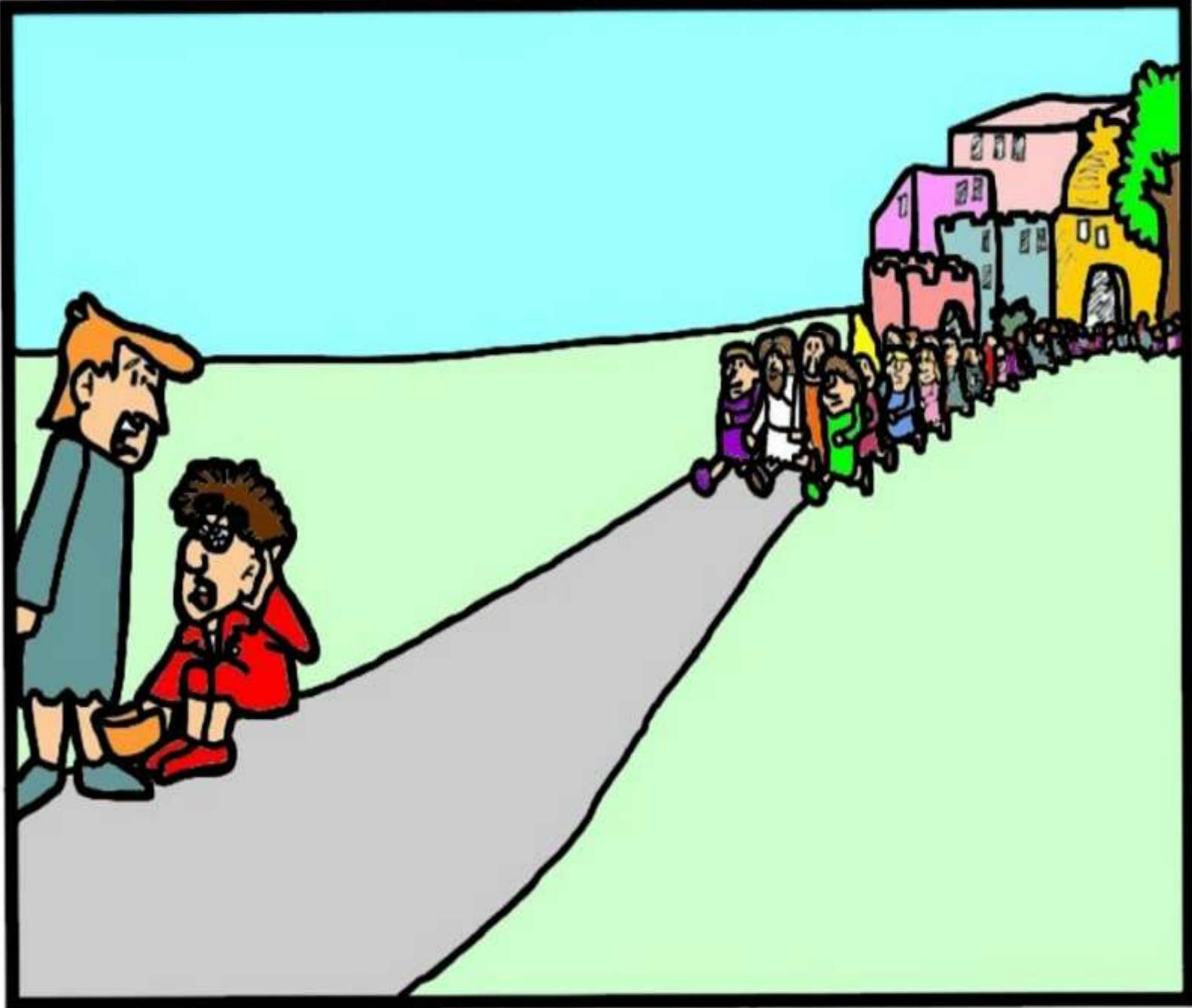


Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

(Based on Mark 10:46-52, Matthew 20:29-34,
Luke 18:35-43)

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"Who's coming?" asked a blind beggar named Bartimaeus who was sitting beside the road. "It's Jesus from Nazareth," answered someone. "There is a big crowd following him."



"Jesus of Nazareth!" exclaimed Bartimaeus. Then he began to shout. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" "Shhhhhhhh! Be quiet," said the crowds.



But Bartimaeus shouted even more.
"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy
on me!"



Then Jesus stood still and said, "Bring that man to me." "Be happy!" said the crowds to Bartimaeus. "He's calling for you. Get up and go to him." Bartimaeus got up to go to Jesus and he threw away his coat. (It is believed that beggars were given special coats.)



"What would you like me to do for you?" asked Jesus. "Lord, I would like to receive my eyesight," answered Bartimaeus. "Receive your sight. Your faith has made you all better," answered Jesus.



That moment Bartimaeus' eyes were healed and he could see. "I can see! I can see!" Bartimaeus joined the crowd and followed Jesus. All the crowd gave praise to God when they saw the miracle.



Lord, help me to be persistent like Bartimaeus. Help me to never give up.