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**Sermon Title: Living an Authentic Life**

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**Scriptures: Mark 10:46-51**

“Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!””

*Mark 10:46-51 NLT*

**Sermon Outline:**

1. Illustration: Charlie - baseball - the “right field.” Are we turned in the right direction?
2. Living an authentic life means facing the right direction.
3. Blind man comes to Jesus.
4. “I know I’m blind”
5. Example: Peter and Geri on a raft with friends. Discovery of cultural blindness.
6. Triggers as opportunities for God’s revelation.
7. “I need mercy”
8. “What do you want me to do for you?”

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Geri speaks on the authentic life. Are we being authentic, really living in the “right direction”?

**Sermon Questions:**

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- How has your family of origin, the family you grew up in, taught you how to live in the right direction, to live an authentic life? How do you think that has effected you in your current life. Would you say you are living this kind of life?
- Do you believe you are “turned in the right direction”? What evidence do you have of this?
- Are you able to acknowledge that you are blind, that you possess blind spots?
- What are some triggers are you able to spot in your relationships? How is God coming to you through those triggers?
- In what ways do you need mercy? Have you come to Jesus for this mercy?
- How is Jesus asking you “what do you want me to do for you?” How can you answer that?