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# FAITH THAT SEEKS TO GROW

As we pursue God, He meets us in proportion to our faith. The more we lean in, the more of His presence and power we experience.

## Today's Scripture

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. Then He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.” But they went out and spread the news about Him all over that region.

—Matthew 9:27-31 (NIV)

## Additional Scripture

—Mark 11:22-24

—Psalm 63:1-8

## Reflect on the Word

Matthew's account of Jesus' interaction with the blind men follows a series of encounters Jesus has with people in desperate circumstances. Matthew 9 opens with Jesus responding to the desperate measures of the friends of a瘫痪 man, followed by a man who asks Jesus to come with the sober words, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hands on her and she will live.” Jesus “rose and followed him,” only to be detained by a woman desperate enough to reach for the hem of his garment that she might be healed.

It is after these miraculous healings that we encounter the two blind men following Jesus—not just on the road, but into a house—crying out for mercy. Blindness in the Ancient Near East was one of the worst of conditions.

The blind would beg on the side of the road and sing for people passing by to take notice and have pity on them. It was a condition that came to

