

# Luke 18:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

## Analysis

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**And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him** (σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν, statheis de ho Iēsous ekeleusen auton achthēnai pros auton)—Statheis (having stood, stopped) is decisive. Jesus halts the entire procession for one marginalized man. Keleuō (to command, order) carries authority—what the crowd tried to prevent, Jesus mandates. The aorist passive infinitive achthēnai (to be brought) means others must escort the blind man through the crowd that had blocked him.

This reversal is radical: the rebukers become facilitators. Those who said 'be quiet' must now say 'come.' Jesus's authority transforms gatekeepers into servants. **And when he was come near, he asked him** (ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρωτησεν αὐτόν, engisantos de autou epērōtēsen auton)—the genitive absolute engisantos (having come near) shows progressive movement. Jesus doesn't shout questions from distance but waits for proximity, honoring the man with personal attention.

## Historical Context

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Rabbis rarely initiated contact with beggars or disabled persons, who were often considered under divine curse (cf. John 9:2's question about sin causing blindness). Jesus's stopping and commanding the man's approach upends social and religious convention, demonstrating kingdom values that prioritize people over protocol.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's stopping for one desperate person challenge our efficiency-driven culture that values productivity over people?
2. What does requiring the crowd to bring the beggar teach about communal responsibility for marginalized access to Christ?
3. When has Jesus halted your planned agenda to redirect attention to someone you'd overlooked?

## Interlinear Text

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σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτόν ἀχθῆναι  
**stood**      **And**      G3588      **Jesus**      **and commanded**      **he**      **to be brought**  
G2476      G1161           G2424      G2753      G846      G71

πρὸς αὐτόν ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτόν ἐπηρώτησεν  
**unto**      **he**      **when he was come near**      **And**      **he**      **asked**  
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αὐτόν

**he**

G846

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