

Perceiving and Not Relenting Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time Monday, November 19, 2018 Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; **Lk 18:35-43** (In our lives there are people that try to stop us in our pursuit of healing or wholeness or some good.)

“Jesus told him, ‘Have sight; your faith has saved you.’”

Now both these words “faith” and “saved” are used in so many different contexts; they don’t have just one meaning, but many different meanings. **Here what was the faith that this blind man had?** You might say it was faith in Jesus, but that’s only part of it. **The story is about how people tried to rebuke him and get him to be quiet because they perceived him as an annoyance,** or another way of putting it is they perceived his need as not very important. They were going with the flow; Jesus was passing by and they are all with him, in one sense of the word, and here was **someone calling out, interrupting the proceedings.**

Now in our lives there are people that try to stop us in our pursuit of healing or wholeness or some good. They try to stop us because either we are annoying to them or not important or because they don’t see. And **many people allow themselves to be discouraged, to be dissuaded, from pursuing what they really need.**

Now it’s one thing to be counseled and to try to find what is the true good in any situation, but **it’s another thing to be dissuaded and turned away from the pursuit of good, the good or God’s good in our lives.** This blind man, although he is blind, was not blind that way. He saw, felt, perceived, the goodness and the power in Jesus, and he did not relent in calling out until he was heard. That here is **what is meant by faith: perceiving the power and goodness of Christ, and not relenting in calling out until being heard. So we all might learn something from him.**