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"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

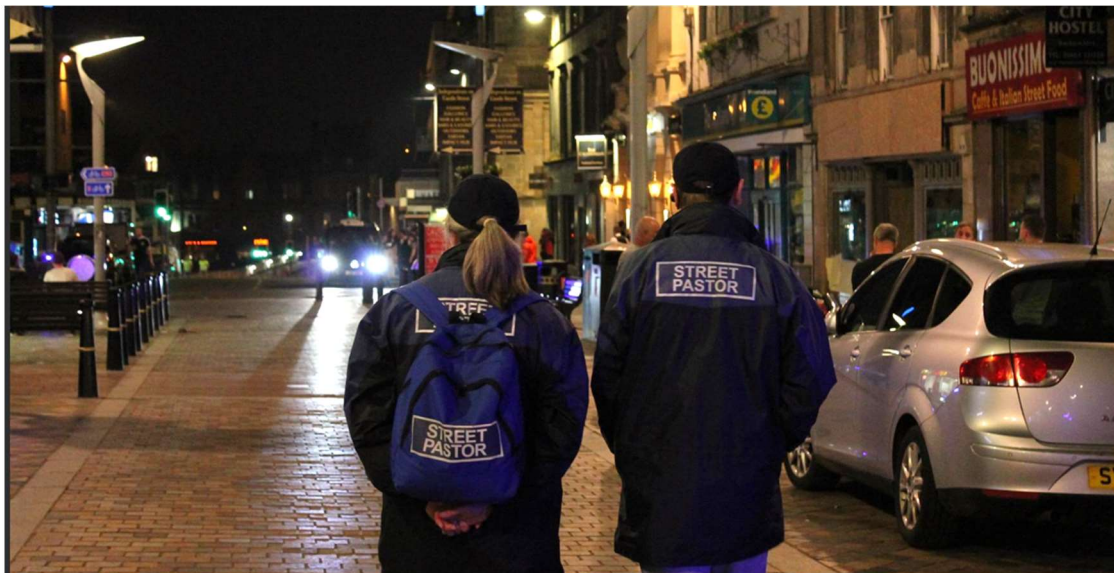
Mark 10: 51-52 (NLT)

The road... ..is paved with good intentions

One of our recent night patrols came across a situation where some well-meaning people were trying to help a lady who, to be fair, was a little worse for wear. She was however able to speak for herself so when Street Pastors gently intervened, they discovered she had been deeply offended. After encouraging her to call a friend, our team was able to sit with her and chat while she waited to be collected.

In their patrol report the team gave thanks for their training and experience so that they were able to give support in a non-judgemental way. We are called by God to reach out to other people; the way we do this is important. Let's face it we have all been on the receiving end of unwelcome help that good manners dictate we should appear thankful for.

Jesus knew exactly what blind Bartimaeus needed. He still asked what was wanted. We must, in all our encounters try to follow Jesus' example and not presume to impose our will on others.



We are called to go out to the people and provide support where they are, without judgement

Thank you

Women Across the Highlands conference on *Faithfulness in a Fallen World* is supporting Ness Pastors this year. Please pray this is a blessed event for all those attending and give thanks for their support. It is all day, Saturday 6 September, at Smithton Church.

Patrol Dates – all currently in the City Centre.

Friday 29 August	22:00 – 01:00
Saturday 30 August	22:00 – 03:00
Wednesday 3 September	10:00 – 12:00
Friday 5 September	22:00 – 01:00
Saturday 13 September	22:00 – 03:00
Wednesday 17 September	10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday 24 September	10:00 – 12:00
Friday 26 September	22:00 – 01:00
Saturday 27 September	22:00 – 03:00
Wednesday 1 October	10:00 – 12:00
Friday 3 October	22:00 – 01:00
Saturday 11 October	22:00 – 03:00

Fond Farewell



Marilyn Archer has moved from Inverness to enjoy retirement. She joined Ness Pastors in 2015 and was a familiar face on the streets, especially in our daytime mission. Marilyn was instrumental in developing our prayer teams and remained faithful after she stepped down from the Prayer Coordinator role in 2022. Although sorry to see her go, we are grateful to have worked together for so long and pray that she and Nick have a blessed future where we know God will continue to use them both.

Points for Prayer



Give prayerful thanks for the privilege we have in serving the city of Inverness through Ness Pastors, in whatever manner we can. The power of prayer is tangible, so give continual thanks to Christ as he intercedes on our behalf.

- ∞ Please pray for wisdom in our Trustees as we plan for recruitment. We are making good progress in implementing our forward look and hope to take active steps soon.
- ∞ At the moment we cannot cover the city centre every weekend. This will change. In the meantime, please pray that each patrol will be fruitful in Our Lord's eyes and that our mission will grow with His blessing.
- ∞ As the new school term starts, please pray for Christian teachers who by their witness will shape the understanding of their pupils. Let them be a light to guide the children and give them wisdom and fortitude.
- ∞ There is no escaping the fact that people continue to struggle, while others seem to flaunt their material success. We must continue to pray for less inequality in our society and give thanks for vital lifelines – Ness Bank, Café 1668, Listening Ear Hilton, Christians Against Poverty, InSpire to name a few. Pray for a time they will no longer be needed.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

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