Seeing and Believing

It’s not unusual for nurses to become frustrated when patients frequently push their call buttons. Take a closer look at how Jesus responded to a blind man who persistently called on him for help. See how people in the crowd were also affected by a different type of blindness.

Read Luke 18:35-43 (NIV)

35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”
38 He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 “What do you want me to do for you?”
42 “Lord, I want to see,” he replied.
43 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”

A Nursing Assessment

- What was the blind man’s overall condition? Consider his physical, spiritual and emotional health.
- Why were the people rebuking the man? What did the blind man “see” that was not apparent to the crowd?

Applying the Bible to Nursing (Find more questions.)

- What assessment question did Jesus ask the man? How can you use this question in your nursing practice?
- How does Jesus show mercy? How can you grow in mercy toward your patients and others?
- What is the relationship between seeing and believing in this story?

Putting Faith into Practice

- How do you identify with the blind man or the crowd in this story?
- How can you place yourself in the path of Jesus so he can see you and you can see him?
- Set aside a time when you can be still and talk with Jesus. What do you want him to do for you?