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?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

[42] Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." [43] Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

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?