



A PORTRAIT OF DEPENDENCE

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WELCOME TO PORTRAITS OF JESUS...

Over the next seven weeks, we will travel through the Gospel of Mark considering seven different Portraits of Jesus. With each portrait we consider, we will be challenged and encouraged with one overarching question...
'AM I LIVING LIKE JESUS LIVED?'

To be like Jesus so that we might display Jesus to the world around us, we must live as Jesus lived. Thankfully, Mark helps us see with clarity a Portrait of Jesus – who He was, what He accomplished, and how He lived every moment, every day.

SUMMARY...

Mark begins his Gospel by declaring – *"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God."* (Mark 1:1) Mark does not want there to be any confusion as to who Jesus is – He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Therefore, every portrait painted of Jesus is to be seen and understood first and foremost as *'this is a portrait of the Messiah, the Son of God.'*

The first portrait that we are considering is a Portrait of Dependence. As we see in the [Mark 1:35-39](#), Jesus demonstrated His dependence on His Father through TIME, specifically, time with God EARLY & ALONE. Living like Jesus, fully dependent upon God means that we will need to spend time with God – EARLY & ALONE.

Thankfully, as we spend time with our Father, He gives us EVERYTHING we need to for EVERYONE who will be wanting something from us on any given day.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

Invite people in your GROUP to share the different Portraits (or pictures) of Jesus that come to mind for them? How of these Portraits of Jesus shaped how they relate to Jesus and the world (people) around them?

QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT...

1. Read [Mark 1:32-34](#) – What do we learn about Jesus in these few verses. Specifically, what about Jesus' heart and character does Mark want us to see and understand?
2. Read [Mark 1:35](#) – Jesus gets up early and heads to an isolated place to be with His Father in prayer. Out of all the things Jesus could have done that morning (including healing more of the people looking for Him), why was Jesus' greatest need to be with His Father? What significance is there to EARLY and ALONE?



3. Read [Mark 1:36-37](#) – what do we learn about the crowds in these two verses? How is their view of Jesus shaping how they are coming to Jesus? What does it say about Peter that he went searching for Jesus just to inform Him that ‘everyone’ was looking for Him?
4. Read [Mark 1:38-39](#) – What does Jesus’ response to Peter reveal about the heart of God? And what does Jesus response to Peter reveal about His heart for the people?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE...

1. What aspects of Jesus’ lifestyle do you feel like is missing from your lifestyle? In other words, if we are going to be like Jesus we need to live like Jesus – so is there an area in your life where you see a disconnect between how you live and how Jesus lived?
2. What is your GREATEST NEED right now? Do you really believe your GREATEST NEED is God, namely time with God? If not, why not?
3. Why does TIME reveal what we are dependent upon? If TIME is a measuring rod of sorts, how does where or what you spend your time on reveal what you are most dependent upon?
4. What are the FIRST THINGS that you do in the morning, and how are those FIRST THINGS shaping everything else throughout your day?

APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER...

Is there anything that would hold you back or prevent you from spending an hour with God, early and alone every day over the next 45 days? What challenges will there be for you in this? What will early look like for you? What will be your alone space? How can your GROUP help you move forward with EARLY & ALONE over the next 45 days?

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