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TAKE WHATS YOURS

Mark 7:26-30

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BUILT TO LAST

Mark 6:35-44

35By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" 38"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." 39Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42They all ate and were satisfied, 43and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

MEANT TO LIVE

Luke 19:1-10 (not in Mark)

1Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" 8But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

TOUCH THE SKY

Mark 9:1-3

1And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

2After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

Take What's Yours!!

Mark 7:24-30

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

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Great example for us...

If you've got God's dream, don't take NO for an answer

Mark 7:27-28

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Jonah 4:11

But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, and many cattle are also there. Don't you think I should be concerned about that great city?

Jesus loves it when he sees faith at work

Mark 7:29

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But here's the main lesson...

You're a child!! Take what's yours!!

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Psalm 2:8

Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your possession.

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Built to Last

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John 4:35 (NIV)

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Jonah 4:11

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Like feeding 5000

Look at what you've got, not what you haven't got!

Mark 6:38

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked.
"Go and see."

Resources

Luke 16:9 (NLV)

"I tell you, make friends for yourselves by using the riches of the world that are so often used in wrong ways. So when riches are a thing of the past, friends may receive you into a home that will be forever.

Talents

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

Give what you have to Jesus

Mark 6:41-42

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So many people keep Jesus out of the equation for their everyday life.

Give him your time, money, dreams, talents – and he'll work powerfully through you.

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 (CEV)

They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people.

And they did more than we had hoped.

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.

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Expect abundance!

Mark 6:43

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3 John 2 (Msg)

We're the best of friends, and I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health – that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give.

Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

Let's pray

Meant to live

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Don't let your height stop you

Luke 19:2-4

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He'd made mistakes. Don't wait till you're good enough!

Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Ephesians 2:1-5 (NLT)

Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favour that you have been saved!)

He wasn't the coolest looking guy in town.
Don't hide!

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am,

Let Jesus invite himself home

Luke 19:5-6

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

Don't let what other people think of you hold you back

Luke 19:7-8

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' " But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus' generosity led to Zacchaeus' generosity.

Luke 7:47 (CEV)

So I tell you that all her sins are forgiven, and that is why she has shown great love.

But anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love.

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Touch the Sky

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain. No one else was there.

As the men watched, Jesus' appearance changed, and his clothing became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly process could ever make it. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

"Teacher, this is wonderful!" Peter exclaimed. "We will make three shrines – one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He didn't really know what to say, for they were all terribly afraid.

Then a cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly they looked around, and Moses and Elijah were gone, and only Jesus was with them.

Mark 9:2

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain.

Why Peter, James, and John?

Matthew 16:17-18

Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John... Now I say to you that you are Peter...

Mark 3:17

James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder

Get yourself a nickname!

Revelation 2:17

I will give to everyone who is victorious a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

Don't worry if you make a mistake!

Mark 9:5-6

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It's all about Jesus!

Mark 9:7-8

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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.

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