

Empowered For Compassion
Activating Our Purpose Series
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PRAYER

SHARE

Read: Mark 1:29-45 (ESV)

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. ⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus

could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Introduction: In this passage, we see Jesus demonstrating remarkable compassion as He heals people, casts out demons, and helps those in need. We also learn about the importance of discipline, prayer, and finding a balance between retreating to recharge and re-engaging in the mission.

Discussion:

Point 1: Demonstrates Remarkable Compassion

- Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31)
- Jesus heals many, casts out demons (Mark 1:32-34)
- Jesus' compassion drives His ministry (Mark 1:40-45)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you see Jesus demonstrating compassion in these verses?
2. What does it mean to show compassion to others? How can we apply this in our lives?

Point 2: Disciplined and Prayerful

- Jesus rises early to pray (Mark 1:35)
- Jesus' prayer life fueled His ministry

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus prioritized prayer in His life?
2. How can we develop discipline and maintain a consistent prayer life?

Point 3: Retreats, Recharges, Replenishes, and Re-engages

- Jesus retreats to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35)
- Jesus continues His mission in other towns (Mark 1:38-39)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the significance of Jesus retreating to recharge and replenish Himself?
2. How can we find a balance between taking time for ourselves and engaging in our mission as followers of Christ?

Conclusion: In Mark 1:29-45, we see how Jesus was empowered for compassion through His prayer life and discipline. This passage teaches us the importance of finding a balance between retreating to recharge and re-engaging in our mission as followers of Christ.

Prayer Points:

1. Ask God to help us grow in compassion as we serve others.

2. Pray for the discipline to develop and maintain a consistent prayer life.
3. Ask for guidance in finding a balance between rest and active ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISE REPORTS

CARE: Follow-up during the week