

Come Out Wherever You Are
Activating Our Purpose Series
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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Read: Mark 1:14-28 (ESV)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; ^[e] repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. ²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Discussion Points:

1. Repent and follow the Lord daily (Mark 1:14-15, 17-18)
 - In verses 14-15, Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the good news and calling people to repent and believe. What does it mean to repent, and how can we apply this to our daily lives?
 - Jesus called Simon and Andrew to follow Him, and they immediately left their nets (verses 17-18). How does this example of obedience relate to our own lives? What does it look like for us to follow Jesus daily?
2. Submit to the authoritative teaching of the Word (Mark 1:21-22)
 - In verses 21-22, Jesus teaches in the synagogue, and the people are amazed by His authority. How does submitting to the authoritative teaching of God's Word transform our lives?
 - Discuss some practical ways we can submit to the teaching of the Word. How can we ensure that our lives are shaped by Scripture?
3. Give no ground to the adversary (Mark 1:23-28)
 - In verses 23-28, Jesus encounters a man with an unclean spirit and casts it out, demonstrating His authority over the spiritual realm. How can we apply this victory to our own lives and give no ground to the adversary?
 - Share some personal experiences or challenges where you've had to stand firm against the enemy. How did you rely on God's power and authority to overcome these situations?

Application: As we reflect on these three points from Mark 1:14-28, let's consider how we can practically live out a transformed life:

- Repent daily by acknowledging our shortcomings and turning back to God.
- Spend time in the Word and in prayer, allowing God's truth to shape our lives and decisions.
- Be vigilant and stand firm against the schemes of the enemy, knowing that Jesus has already won the victory.

PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISE REPORTS

CARE: Follow-up during the week