

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Giving

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### True Treasure

Mark 9:43-10:31

Follow Me Series

Life Change: We preserve true treasure by following Jesus.

**A partnership was formed to preserve the treasure...**

**Eternal life: preserved for true treasure or lost to rot? 9:43-49**

If you start following sin and stop following Jesus, you can make your life a living Hell and lose rewards in eternity. By contrast, you can cut out the sin – which often feels like amputation – so that you better follow the Lord. That is better for you and gives rewards in eternity just as if you had helped another person.

**Marriage treasure: preserved or torn up in divorce? 10:1-12**  
The limited Mosaic plan

**Marriage treasure: preserved or torn up in divorce? 1-12**  
The rabbis had messed things up.

Jesus exposed the unlimited plan of God.

**Child-like wonder: a treasure that must be preserved. 13-16**

**Treasure of following Jesus alone: preserved or lost to materialism? 17-31**

Setting out on a journey...

“I have kept all these...”

All things are possible with God.

**Response:**  
Is materialism binding you?

Have you lost the treasure of child-like wonder?

Are you not preserving the treasure of relationships?

Do you trust Jesus?

What is keeping you from following Jesus on every journey?

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# *FOLLOW ME*

a study of Mark 9-16

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courtesy Mark Wieser



courtesy someblogsite (seriously, that's the name)



courtesy Fischer & Wieser



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## Mark 9

**<sup>43</sup> “And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, the unquenchable fire.**

**<sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out.**

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It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,<sup>48</sup> where *their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.* [Isaiah 66:24]<sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire.<sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”<sup>CSB</sup>

Hag

Zec

Mal

Mat

Mark

Luk

Joh

Acts

Rom

**Jerusalem's Hinnom valley  
= eternal separation**



**Kingdom of heaven  
= eternal life with God**





courtesy Boat Crime

## Mark 9

**41 “Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ—truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward. 42 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” CSB**

## Mark 9:42 loss



## Mark 9:41 reward



## Loss

**Your hand (eye, foot)  
causes you to sin.**



## Reward

**You surrender sin to  
prepare you for heaven.**



# Colossians 1

**<sup>13</sup> He [God the Father] has rescued us  
from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us  
into the kingdom  
of the Son he loves. <sup>14</sup> In him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins. <sup>CSB</sup>**

**v. 42 loss based on  
dealing with others  
43-47 applies to self also**



**v. 41 reward based on  
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## Leviticus 2

**13 Season all your grain offerings with salt to remind you of God’s eternal covenant. Never forget to add salt to your grain offerings.** <sup>NLT</sup>

**If we follow sin, we rot  
and become tasteless –  
losing true treasure in  
eternity.**



**If we salt our life sacrifices  
by living for Jesus, we  
bless others and preserve  
rewards in heaven.**



## Mark 10

**<sup>1</sup> He set out from there and went to the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Then crowds converged on him again, and as was his custom he taught them again. <sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came to test him, asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He replied to them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses permitted us to write divorce papers and send her away.”**

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**<sup>10</sup> When they were in the house again, the disciples questioned him about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”** <sup>CSB</sup>



**Moses' Law was always intended to be limited: temporary and fulfilled by Messiah. And in the world in which it was given, the Mosaic Law recognizes the reality of divorce, just as it recognizes the reality of other evils – like slavery. These are not endorsements, but practical protections. God gave Moses a divorce law specifically to protect females, not to excuse divorce.**



**Ancient world**

**Hammurabi:  
wife gets  
dowry back**



**Moses' Law: wife gets  
certificate of divorce  
This protected her  
money & property,  
allowed her to remarry,**



**and safeguarded her  
from her ex-husband.**

How droll. Their laws didn't even fully protect women.





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**Rome and America:  
female can initiate no-fault  
divorce; gets ½ of property;  
can kill any unborn child; can  
remarry anytime**



**So how is that  
working out for  
modern women?**

## 21<sup>st</sup> c. America

- **21% divorce rate**
- **about 30% of divorcees live below poverty line**



## 1<sup>st</sup> c. Israel

- **approx. 4% divorce rate**
- **rare for divorcee to be in poverty**



**The grim [modern divorce] statistics don't even touch on the reality that for an increasing percentage of the population, life is a series of short cohabitations punctuated by the arrival of children. For a country that makes such a fuss about love on the 14th of February, America has a funny way of showing it on the other 364 days of the year. – Amanda Foreman “The Heartbreaking History of Divorce” in Smithsonian**





courtesy MGM

**All Pharisees agreed that [Deuteronomy 24] permitted divorce...but they disagreed on the grounds of divorce. The strict view of Rabbi Shammai allowed divorce only if a wife were guilty of immorality; the lenient view of Rabbi Hillel allowed a husband to divorce his wife for almost any reason (cf. Mishnah *Gittin* 9. 10). Perhaps Jesus would take sides in this dispute and thereby split the ranks of His followers. Or perhaps He would offend Herod Antipas as John the Baptist had done (cf. 6:17–19) and be arrested since He was under Herod's jurisdiction in Perea. – J.D. Grassmick, *Mark***

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**Knows magic**



**Knows more  
ancient, deeper  
magic**



courtesy HM Royal Mail; Read these books!

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**Marriage is a sacred treasure and God is deadly serious about seeing His love and faithfulness toward us lived out in our love and faithfulness to our spouses. It is a slap in His face when we who claim to follow Jesus dishonor God by violating our covenant with our spouses. – from a letter to WB**

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courtesy Graphic River



**Divorce is to marital stress what water is to a grease fire.**



courtesy Mental Floss; Never pour water on a grease fire! And never seek divorce.

# Proverbs

**19:13 A foolish son is his father's ruin,  
and a wife's nagging is an endless dripping.**

**18:22 A man who finds a wife finds a good thing  
and obtains favor from the LORD. <sup>CSB</sup>**

**My husband's issues certainly were a trial. I can remember clinging to the fact that the promise I made before God and a crowd of witnesses included hard times. Whether or not my husband stayed was out of my control, but for me God clearly said "Stay." Those days were so very hard. As life got a little easier, I often prayed that our Daddy would restore the years that the locust had eaten away. My marriage had a huge hole in it that only the Lord could fix. I am thrilled to say that I think He is doing just that. Our days together are full. Our family is growing, and life is rich together. – a friend**

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courtesy taste of home

We've been together since way back when  
Sometimes I never want to see you again  
But I want you to know, after all these years  
You're still the one I want whispering in my ear

You're still the one, I want to talk to in bed  
Still the one that turns my head  
We're still having fun and you're still the one

Stock No. 214005

## STILL THE ONE

*for SSA voices*

Words and Music by  
JOHN HALL  
and JOHANNA HALL

Arrangement by  
DEKE SHARON  
and SCOTT HARRIS

Uptempo rock  $\text{♩} = 144$   $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = \text{♩}$

Intro

Tenor

Lead

Bari

\*Bass

bum ba dum ba dum bum ba dum ba dum bum ba dum ba dum bum

tm pa tm tm tm

you're the one, one, one, one, one, one, you're

you're the one, one, one, one, one, one, you're

ba dum ba dum bum ba dum ba dum bum ba dum ba dum bum

da da da da da da da tm dm tm dm tm dm tm

\*Bass part is notated in 8vb treble clef throughout; notes sound an octave below where written.

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**You're still the one that makes me laugh  
Still the one that's my better half  
We're still having fun, and you're still the one  
Changing, our love is going gold  
Even though we grow old, it grows new**

**John & Johanna Hall receiving an award  
for 2 million airplays of "Still the One"**



**You're still the one who can scratch my itch  
Still the one and I wouldn't switch  
We're still having fun, and you're still the one**

**You are still the one that makes me shout  
Still the one that I dream about  
We're still having fun, and you're still the one**

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**America has rapidly become a place...where institutions have been repurposed as instruments to instill and enforce the narrow and rigid agenda of one cohort of people, forbidding exploration or deviation—a regime that has ironically left homeless many, if not most, of the country’s best thinkers and creators. Anyone actually concerned with solving deep-rooted social and economic problems, or God forbid with creating something unique or beautiful—a process that is inevitably messy and often involves exploring heresies and making mistakes—will hit a wall.**



**If they are young and remotely ambitious, they will simply snuff out that part of themselves early on, strangling the voice that they know will get them in trouble before they've ever had the chance to really hear it sing. – Alana Newhouse, “Everything is Broken and How to Fix It” in Tablet Magazine**

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**Thank goodness  
none of this  
applies to me!**



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**18** “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: *Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.*” [Exodus 20]

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**28 Peter began to tell him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said, “there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundred times more, now at this time—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and eternal life in the age to come. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” CSB**



courtesy somuchhope

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***Charlie and the  
golden ticket***  
**Sir Quentin Blake**  
**1964**

***Charlie and the  
great glass elevator***  
**Sir Quentin Blake**  
**1966**



courtesy Penguin

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## Galatians 3

**19** Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people.

**24** Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. <sup>NLT</sup>

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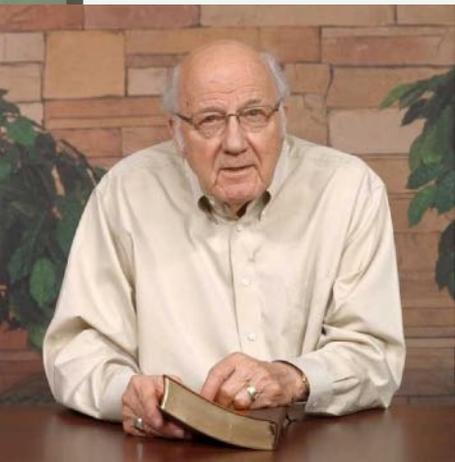
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**It's clear that no one can be saved – rich or poor – apart from God's grace. It is impossible to inherit eternal life by doing good works...This reality is difficult for many rich people to comprehend. They have bought their way into almost every economic and social situation, including religious communities, but they cannot buy their way into heaven. To be saved, they must put their faith in God and not in their wealth.**

**– Gene Getz, *Life Essentials Study Bible***



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# Peter in Mark 10

- **Waking up to the fact that one can follow Jesus and not believe in Him (or believe in Jesus and not follow)?**
- **Angling to gain favor by showing how much he and the boys have given up?**
- **Trying to buy his way into heaven by showing what they have surrendered; confusing following Jesus with being justified by faith?**

# Jesus' interruption of Peter in Mark 10

- **There are manifold rewards that far outweigh anything a person surrenders in order to better follow Jesus.**
- **The hierarchy of reward is not human nor even apprehended by people.**



**In the face of materialism, these two actions can help a person preserve the treasure of following Jesus:**

**#1 – Stop thinking material things make you great.**

**#2 – Give.**



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**Over the years I have discovered that there is far more joy in giving things away than there ever is in gathering them up. The choice to share results in joy and, oddly enough, the wherewithal to give more away. Our Abba is so amazing. – Cindy Sharp**

**Have you lost the treasure of child-like wonder? If so,  
here are two things to do:**

**#1 – Fingerpaint.**

**#2 – Look at the stars.**

*Oasis*

**Iris Scott**

**2017**



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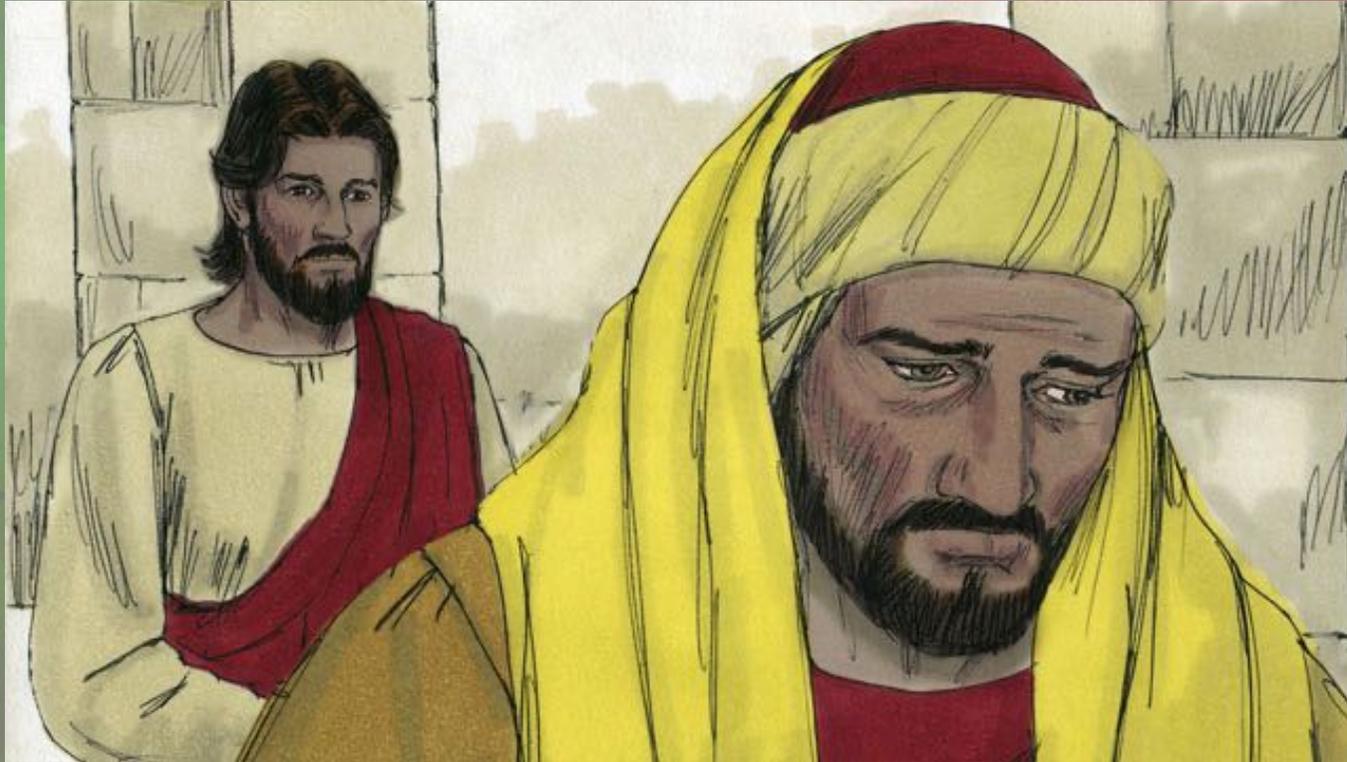


**Q. Are you not preserving the treasure of relationships, including marital relationships?**

**A. Come together in peace. Use a counselor. Rely on the Lord.**

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