

***Beach Break  
Choosing the More!  
Mark 4:33-41***

*We are looking at stories of divine encounters people had with Jesus on the beach...*

*Today's story is*

*The Lord has SO MUCH MORE for you!*

*The Oceans of the Lord and His Kingdom plummet far beyond your wildest imagination...*

*Listen to Isaiah 55...*

*Isaiah 55:6 (ESV) — Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near*

*Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV) — For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*There was a time many years ago, before the Enlightenment mixed with atheistic humanism, that Science was driven to discover the vastness of God's Creation...*

*Many, like Galileo, Copernicus, Pascal, and Newton, who thought Science was a pursuit of discovering the greatness of God's glory...*

*Today, Science, in it's infinite wisdom, has dismissed God to go on search for...*



*Science hasn't even discovered what is in the depths of our own oceans, but we have determined there is no God...*

*Romans is so true of today's "intellectuals"*

*Romans 1:22 (ESV) — Claiming to be wise, they became fools*

*In the early chapters of Mark we find three primary resisters to discovering more of the God of the Bible...*

## THE RESISTANCE



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➔ RELIGION



*We see in Mark 3 declaring Jesus' healings, miracles, and demonic deliverances as the work of Satan...*

*→ Pic 4 - Resistance - Relationships*

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➔ RELATIONSHIPS



*Jesus' Mother and brothers come to take Him home because they think He's gone crazy...*

*Matthew 10:36 (ESV) — And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.*

*→ Pic 5 - Resistance - Reluctance*

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➔ RELATIONSHIPS

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*This last resistance is our own self-centeredness...*

### **ONE THING**

***Your faith HESITATION is your only LIMITATION keeping you from KNOWING, SEEING, and LIVING in the MORE of God's Kingdom!***

*In Chapter 4 we are going to be looking at the personal reluctance we must overcome in order to choose the MORE of God!*

*Let's read our key passage for today...*

***Mark 4:33–41 (ESV) — With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that***

*we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

*Mark 4:1 (ESV) — Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.*

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*Why did Jesus speak in parables?*

*This is an important question...*

*→ We read about His miracles and raise our hands in praise!...*

*→ We read teachings and scratch our heads in confusion...*

*Many people have asked throughout the years why Jesus didn't speak more plainly...*

*So, why did Jesus speak in parables?*

*I believe that are at least THREE REASONS...*

### **1<sup>st</sup> – So that He would fulfill Scripture**

*Psalm 78:2 (ESV) — I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,*

*Matthew 13:35 (ESV) — This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> – So that His hearers would fulfill Scripture**

*Isaiah 6:9–10 (ESV) — And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “ ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”*

*Again, this is exactly what we are told...*

*Matthew 13:14–15 (ESV) — Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “ ‘ “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’*

*But there is a Third reason...*

➤ ***The truths of God's Kingdom are not UNDERSTOOD in the MIND until they are first EMBRACED in the HEART!***

***There are some things we will never fully know about God...***

***Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV) — The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.***

***But the things we can know about Him and His Kingdom are secrets He spiritually reveals!***

***1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV) — The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.***

***Proverbs 25:2 (ESV) — It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.***

***... OK, so how can we know the secrets Jesus wants to share?***

***Colossians 2:3 (NLT) — In him[Jesus] lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

***See if this statement sounds somewhat familiar...***

***Mark 4:9 (ESV) — And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."***

***Look at what follows next...***

***Mark 4:10–11 (ESV) — And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,***

***Listen to what Jesus said to His disciples on the night He was betrayed...***

***John 16:12–13 (ESV) — I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.***

➤ ***You must move CLOSE to Jesus!***

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**Matthew 6:6 (ESV) — But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.**

➤ **You must get ALONE with Jesus!**

**John 6:66–69 (ESV) — After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”**

**If it was easy, everyone would do it!**

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**1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) — For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.**

**Do not mistake His kindness for weakness!**

**Do you want to see more of God’s power?**

➤ **You must fully TRUST in Jesus!**

**When you think about Jesus, what comes to your mind?**

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