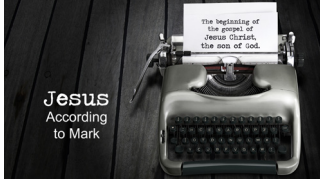


## Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the Book of Mark.  
Our passage for today is Mark 1:14-15.

## Sermon Notes



# New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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pastoral ponderings

Usually I have some difficulty thinking about what I should write down when it is my privilege to write in this space. This morning God stepped in and made it clear what I needed to say.

I am often struck by how little we have to say when we are asked "What is God doing in your life?" or "How have you seen God moving lately?" I think of our first Wednesdays when we have a time of sharing and I sit there thinking hard about what I can share about God. Or at alert Cadets every second Monday where we have a time of testifying to Gods actions. I never seem to be able to recall where I have seen Him move. The things that I can think of seem so small and trivial. Don't get me wrong. I truly believe that God is the sustainer of our lives and that without His hand in our everyday lives we would suddenly and permanently cease to be. That's what makes what happened today so overwhelming.

I volunteered to take my daughter to the airport this morning. True to form I waited until I was going to bed and she was not home from work to text her and ask what time we had to leave. The reply was "5:00 am". I didn't think anything about it until we got in the car at 5:10 and I asked what time her flight left. She said, "7:00"!! Now she probably has not been watching much news but it is common knowledge that currently the lines can be greater than 2 hours long. Ok so we are in the midst of rush hour, one hour and ten minutes from the airport in good traffic at one of the busiest flying times of the day. I gently tried to prepare her for what could be a disappointment. What could we do but trust in God and accept whatever the outcome was.

Thanks to what seemed like supernatural traffic flow even through three different areas of construction (did I mention that it was rush hour) we made it to the airport in under an hour. As I dropped her off and gave her a quick hug, I could see the security line out to the door of the airport. I have flown quite a bit and have never seen the line that long. I smiled and said "Bye, I love you." I hadn't gotten out of the airport drive when my phone rang and a dejected voice informed me that there was no way short of a miracle that she would make it through security. "Well, let's pray for a miracle" I said. As I drove I admitted to God that this is a small thing and that we would not be harmed in any way if she missed her flight, but still I asked Him that He might intervene for no other reason than to just show His glory. I decided to stop just outside the airport and wait to see what happened next, fully prepared to go back to get her.

6:30 am she texts me she is boarding the plane. I have never in my life gone from door to airplane door in less than 20 minutes. No matter the security line length!! I haven't yet asked her how it happened. Maybe that will be for another day, *Continued* --->

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or maybe not. It doesn't really matter. How God did it doesn't really even intrigue me. What got me was that He did. There is no question in my mind that the whole morning was supernatural. Now you might say that this is a small thing and that there are possible "natural" explanations for what happened and that could very well be true, but the fact that it is all beyond my control or understanding makes it a miracle for me. That, however, is not the thing that blew me away.

As I left the coffee shop I was overwhelmed by the very presence of God. I began to weep uncontrollably. That the God of the Universe would hear our prayer, a meaningless prayer for ease and comfort, just took hold of my inmost being. My head rushed with thoughts of all the times that I didn't pray because I thought the issue is too small or not worthy of God's attention. The times I wanted to "ease God's burden" by not troubling Him with my small problems. How I stumble to recognize the intricate movement of God in the very tapestry of my life. I don't know how to say it that would make you realize how much this shook me up. That the God of the very universe cares that much about the details. There are no great and small miracles. There are not details and big picture. There is only a great and awesome God who is waiting to show Himself glorious and omnipotent to those who will just open our eyes and have the trust to just leave it all (even if we think it is details) to Him.

Rene Milner

## meal [teams]

Jun 5 Potluck #2, bring your favorite dish to share

Jun 12 Meal Team #5

Jun 19 Meal Team #6

## upcoming [events]

June 1 Wednesday Nature Walk  
location TBD

June 2 *Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts*,  
6:30 a.m. @ the building

June 2 Evening GriefShare, 6:30-8 pm  
@ (green room, the building)



## Mission News

Thank you all for those who contributed to the Beanry Sales. Coffee products will be arriving in the next week or two.

We are still in financial need for the Ministry Day. We pray that the Lord moves hearts to give to feeding the poor in Mexico. This is a minimum of \$1300.00. There is a website set up at [youcaring.com](http://youcaring.com) to donate, or if putting into collections then please note missions on your check memo. Thank you kindly.

There is a garage Sale being planned for June 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> at Faith and Nate Gustafson's home at 2340 90<sup>th</sup> Ave, Dresser between 9-5 pm. More details to follow.

Next sewing day is June 8<sup>th</sup> @1pm.



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

It's that time of the year again for the Baby Bottle Campaign. Options for Women/Tri-County is a non-profit pregnancy center located in Osceola that provides counseling, ultra sounds and a means to purchase baby items. In the past God has blessed Options for Women with the generous support of New Life members and your support has been greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in participating with this year's campaign will find the empty baby bottles on a table as you enter New Life. These bottles are to be filled with your spare change and then returned to New Life by Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be addressed to Sandy Erickson.

## May Memory Verse

**1 Mark 1:6-8**

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (ESV)

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