

Serving & Recharging

Mark 1:21-45

Pray

We are going to see a very busy day that Jesus had in Galilee

- If you ever wanted to spend a day with Jesus here we go
 - We will start in the morning when Jesus went to church

²¹ Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

what did Jesus do in this morning in the region of Galilee city

- first he goes to the synagogue and they asked him to teach
 - and they were astonished at his teaching
- they had never heard anybody teach quite like this before
- and what was the difference in Jesus's teaching

the scribes of Jesus's day would often say Rabbi so and so says this about this passage

- and Rabbi this says this about the passage
- they just went back to the rabbis all the time
- he wasn't quoting from man & mans opinion

In Matthews 5 Jesus would say, "You've heard that it's been said.

- "That was the authorities that they would listen to.
 - and then Jesus said, "But I say to you.
 - "He was the ultimate authority upon the word of God.
- It's about him. He knows what he's talking about.

Could you imagine the Bible studies of Jesus, he wrote the book

- Let me tell you exactly what this means. It's not what people think.
 - This is what it means. "I am the authority, Jesus said.

any message that has real authority is going to be based on the word of God.

- If it's coming from the Lord, if it's from his word, then that's where the power is.
 - The power is in the word of God

the power isn't in my words? The power is in God's word.

- **Our faith shouldn't be based on our feelings but facts**

during this amazing teaching, there is a demonic disruption.

- The devil always loves to distract and to disrupt
 - when the truth of God's word is being presented.

²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

²⁴ saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

This man with an unclean Spirit was Demon Possessed

- "Whenever the Son of God shows up, the forces of hell showed up also"

- That's why we have security!

The demon told Jesus I know who You are; the Holy One of God!

- Even the Demon believed Jesus was God

James 2:19 "You believe there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!"

There are many people who believe in God but are not saved!

Being saved comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus!

If you have saving faith you will

- Trust in Him, Cling to Him and Rely on Him

as Believers we can be oppressed by Satan but we can't be possessed by Satan

- there's a difference

You can be attacked. You're in the midst of a spiritual battle,

- but you cannot be possessed by a demonic spirit.

when we come to Faith in Jesus Christ he indwells us with his holy spirit

- God's given us his holy spirit to live inside of us

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ^{1a}through His Spirit who dwells in you.

and the reason this becomes so important is because of what John tells us in

- **1 John 4:4** he said You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

the holy spirit in US is greater than Satan who is coming against us

- and what a blessing that is

²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ^[1]"Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, ^[1]"What is this? What new ^[1]doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸ And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

- Jesus responded to this disruption with two commands,
 - The first he said, be quiet. Literally to muzzle.
 - Second was come out. Jesus exercised divine authority
 - and the unclean spirit had no choice but to obey.

This is really the first recorded miracle in Mark's gospel concerning the ministry of Jesus

- that Jesus has power over the devil.

The Bible says in **James 4:7** to resist the devil and he will flee.

the Bible says in **Romans 8:37** we are more than conquerors through him who loves us

²⁹ Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

Here we see Peter's mother-in-law was sick, which tells us something.

- First of all, Peter was married. Peter had a wife, I love that it says here, as soon as they walked into the house they saw that she had a fever,
 - immediately they told Jesus of her condition. they didn't hesitate.
- Jesus is concerned about all of it and as a believer, I want my first response to be Jesus.
- It should be our immediate response to bring him into the situation
 - regardless of what it is, that Jesus is concerned about every area of our life.
- , it expresses my dependence upon him. I recognize my need for him.

- Peter's mother-in-law was healed.
 - And what happened after she was healed? I love this.
 - It says she served them.

When she received a touch from Jesus, her immediate response is,

- "I'm going to serve Jesus." And I think that's the proper response.
 - If you've been touched by Jesus, if your life has been transformed by Jesus,
 - the response should be, "I just want to serve Jesus."

Serving Jesus is a response to how Jesus has served me.

Charles Spurgeon, said a woman came to him, she had been converted, she'd been saved, & she said, "Oh, Mr. Spurgeon, Jesus has changed my life & he shall never hear the end of it

She immediately served Jesus out of Thankfulness for what God had done

- Jesus did a miracle in my life and healed me & I am so thankful
 - I want to serve Him for all He did for me

I want to see others get healed by Jesus also!

1 John 4:19 "We love Him because He first loved us."

now this verse tells us something about Peter the first pope

- he was married he had a wife

the person of the healing is of course Peter's mother-in-law

- kind of interesting because apparently Peter the first pope was in fact married
 - he had a wife if he has a mother-in-law

now why the priest aren't allowed to marry today I don't know I'm not sure

I fully believe God still heals today there's no question about it

- but does God always heal? the answer is no
- God can do what he wants when he wants to whom he wants to do it
- he's God he's large and in charge
- you remember Paul God gave him a thorn in the flesh some kind of physical infirmity
- probably an eye problem but we're not told
 - and Paul prayed three times that God would heal him
 - and in verse 9 of 2 Corinthians 12 God said nope
- my translation he said **my grace is sufficient for you**
- in other words I'm not going to heal you

in Matthew 26 Jesus prayed three times for God to take this cup from him

- speaking of the Cross and God said no

sometimes God heals sometimes he doesn't

look at How this busy day ends, it's not over yet

³² At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

the law declared that it wasn't until after the sun had set and the stars appeared in the sky

- that you could resume normal activity. That's when the Sabbath had ended.
 - And so when the sun had set and the Sabbath had ended,
 - the people began to flock to the good shepherd
 - to receive a touch from him.

And there was a list of people who showed up at Peter's house. Could you imagine?

• Who is it? Open it. There's a bunch of demon possessed people & sick people. that's frightening. Shut the door. No, Jesus. He healed them. He ministered to their needs.

• Peter's house became a place of ministry for people who were in need of Jesus.

But I love the fact that Jesus in his humanity ... He's been up all day.

- He ministered at the Sabbath service within the synagogue.
 - Now It's late at night and he could have had Peter, Put a sign outside the door
 - that says, "Do not disturb. I need to sleep."
- And yet Jesus continued to minister long into that evening,
 - ministering to the needs tirelessly and people were healed as a result.

- Jesus was a serving machine!
 - He love's all people

I might of said, What a busy day! I'm Sleeping in tomorrow

- I would be spiritually drained OUT exhausted!

he was available because this wasn't his job this was his life

• and this really is a beautiful picture
of how blessed we are here at Water Brooks because we've got so many wonderful people

- who serve us who minister to us who love us and take care of us

the people heard how Jesus touched and healed the demon possessed man,

- and Peter's mother-in-law. So they brought all of their family members and friends
 - who were sick to be healed by Jesus as well.

This is another sign that you have been touched by Jesus

- **is that you want others to be touched by him as well.**

When Jesus has delivered you from addictions and habits,

- you can't help but to bring other people that are struggling to Jesus as well.
 - you want to tell others about him, you can't help it.

Jeremiah 20:9 said **it was like fire Shut up in my bones. I just couldn't shut up.**

- I just got to tell somebody. I got to talk to somebody about the Lord.
 - The one who's done so much for me, the one who freed me,
 - from all kinds of messes.

all the ministry that Jesus did that evening

- you would think Jesus would of slept in the next morning but he didn't look at vs 35

³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

It says here that it was early in the morning that Jesus had risen before daylight and prayed

- in a solitary place. Jesus had just pulled a ministry all nighter at the home of Peter.
 - People were lined up outside the door to be delivered from demonic spirits,
 - to be healed from diseases.

And in his humanity, there were times when Jesus would be physically exhausted.

- But instead of sleeping in, Mark records that Jesus was out praying.

If Jesus found it necessary to rise early, to meet with the Father,

- how important is it for us to rise early and to meet with the Lord?

Why so early? Listen, the Bible tells us in **Psalms 63**, "**Early will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you.**"

It's important Because it's before the rest of the world wakes up.

- It's before you're bombarded with all of the challenges and the temptations
 - and the spiritual warfare of the day.

Before your kids get up and need breakfast and lunches and all of those other things

- that they need from you, moms, dads, you want to get up before they do.

It was Charles Spurgeon that had some good advice as it relates to rising early. He said this,

"Look no person in the face until you have seen the face of God. He said, Speak thou with none till thou hast had speech with the most high.

- meet with the Lord first before any other meetings that day.

the location of the prayer of Jesus was in a solitary place.

- Why a solitary place? Because it limits distractions. We are so easily distracted. I would encourage you to pick out a solitary place.
 - Sometimes its hard with kids.
 - So our secret place might change = One minute you might be in that room,
 - but they might find you.
 - And it's almost like **hide and seek**.
- You just want to find a place where you can just meet with Jesus.
- But if you don't have a place like that, develop one. Find a place.

If we don't come apart to be with the Lord, we will fall apart during the day.

You remember Jesus said in **Matthew 6:6** in the sermon on the mount, he said,

- **when you pray, not if, when you pray, he said, go into your room. And when you've shut the door, pray to your father who is in the secret place and your father who sees in secret, he'll reward you openly.**
- And when you go to that solitary place in the morning make sure u bring your Bible.
 - Prayer and the word is a powerful combination for the Christian.

There's power in prayer and there's power in the study of God's word.

If there was one thing, I would want for those at Water Brooks Church?

- **it is, a devotional life. If I could somehow impart to every single person to make it a priority, to daily be in the word and in prayer, I feel like I did my job.**
 - **whatever is a priority to us, we will make time for it.**
 - **We all eat, put on deodorant. Make it a habit.**
- we want to strengthen the inner man b/c the outward man is perishing.**

The Bible says, **2 Corinthians 4:16** " **Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day by prayer & Gods Word.**"

I find it interesting and instructive that between the miracles of healing

- and the deliverance from demonic spirits, you find Jesus back in a place of prayer,
 - to be recharged, to be prepared for the next challenge.
- It was as if he had poured out and then he got refilled and then poured out
 - and then refilled.

Ministry is an overflow of time spent in the presence of Jesus.

- It's great to be a Martha and to serve with all of your heart,
 - but it's also important to be a Mary and to worship at the feet of Jesus.

The disciples were Unable to locate Jesus. So they send out a search party for Him.

³⁶ And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

Here we see the disciples Searched for Jesus as people were looking for him in the morning

- The more they got to know Jesus, Whenever He was missing
 - They knew He was off praying somewhere

Everyone was looking for Jesus

- They wanted to see Him heal people, and perform miracles

³⁸ But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

twice in this section it's mentioned the preaching of Jesus

- now the word preaching used 61 times in the New Testament
 - means to Herald to Proclaim to publish and it points to and speaks of
 - the fact that Jesus was preaching proclaiming heralding
 - the Good News of Salvation

we call it evangelism & at the end of verse 38 Jesus said for this purpose I have come

- what was the purpose of Jesus coming to Earth well according to this text
 - it's to preach to preach the gospel to proclaim the good news of eternal life
 - which by the way is the Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Jesus was not interested in Fame Celebrity Status his passion was to preach the word

- and to minister to people's needs in a humble way

⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.⁴³ And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once,⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."⁴⁵ However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

If I had a loathsome disease and was pronounced incurable by the priesthood,

- and now I'm instantly healed, it's hard to keep that quiet,

"Evangelism is simply one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."

Why would Jesus tell him to not tell anybody?

- It seems sort of to defeat the purpose of evangelism.
 - to broadcast it would have made Jesus like a magnet for all sorts of people
 - who were following Jesus for the wrong motivation,
- number two he said keep it quiet: it would be more like painting a bull's-eye on Jesus.
- It would attract undue attention from his enemies, and it was not Jesus' time.
 - Jesus' enemies were plotting to
 - put him to death, and that begins early on,

He came to Jesus as a leper because that's what he was.

- There was no way for the leper to clean himself up, to heal himself,

I want you to see he came to Jesus as he was. He came as a leper.

- . It was this condition that he was in that actually drove him to the feet of Jesus.

He was moved with compassion toward him. That's the heart of Jesus, for any person,

- regardless of their condition.

he takes it a step further and he's not just moved with compassion.

- Don't miss these words. It says he stretched out.
 - He reached out his hand and he touched the man.

It reminds me of what happens later on in the gospel of Mark

- when Jesus will stretch out his hands and he allows them to be nailed to the cross.
 - For what purpose? So that you and me, we could be cleansed.

Pray communion gospel