Journey Through Mark: Good Company

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I. **Help Wanted**

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Key Truth: _____ Of _____ Are _____

II. **The Twelve Apostles** Mark 3:13-21

v. 13-15 Initiation

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v. 16-19 Identification

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v. 20-21 Intervention

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Point: _____ The _____ Of The _____ & _____

III. **Exceeding Our Potential**

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Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Constantly comparing yourself to others is a surefire way to end up with either unwarranted feelings of inadequacy or an inaccurate sense of superiority. Neither condition is helpful or healthy. Moreover, this kind of behavior distracts you from the more important and accurate perspective that God has on your life. He completely knows your strengths, abilities, interests, and motives.

Answering the call of God enables you to contribute to the building of something much greater than yourself. Do not worry about being good enough or ready enough. No one is qualified to serve God on their own. Every single person called to serve Him requires preparation, sustaining and guidance. This is by design.

Everyone comes into the family of God on the same terms—needful of salvation and lacking wisdom to navigate the opportunities and traps in life. God doesn't *need* anyone, but he *wants* those who will humbly invest their lives in sharing the Gospel and building His Kingdom.

He is intentional in His calling. God has a place and purpose for everyone invited into His family. It is a family composed of all who respond to Him in faith. In His family all are equally loved, equally saved, and equally blessed to be part of His work. Though the specific kind, duration, and outcome of work varies; all of it is important in God's eyes.

Have you joined the family of the called and willing? Are you focused more on pleasing your Creator or seeking approval from deceivers, influencers, and exploiters who want to shape you in their image? In this age of manipulation and control, are you conforming to lies or countering them with truth?

Prayerfully assess your motives and commitment in view of God's call on your life. Speak aloud to God or write down in a letter to Him, your desire to be counted among the family of the called and willing.