

# Journey Through Mark: Upheaval

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## I. Unnecessary Baggage

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**Key Truth:** Be Careful With Attachments

## II. Jesus Foretells The Temple's Destruction

Mark 13:1-2

1 Wonderful Sight

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Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Is A Double-Edged Sword

2 Unimaginable Destruction

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Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Has Its Time

## III. Unencumbered Christ-Following

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

You probably have a favorite shirt, pair of shoes, coffee cup, musician, or movie. Perhaps many of these things are true for you. Attachments are a natural part of life. We form them because God created us to be relational beings, situated in the ever-flowing stream of time. In a world characterized by constant change, attachments serve to anchor us and provide a sense of security.

Be careful with attachments. While they can offer comfort and support, they can also become detrimental if they lead us away from following Christ. Like a soft blanket, healthy attachments cushion the impact of life's hardships. Unhealthy ones however are like handcuffs that ensnare us in complacency and hinder our spiritual growth.

Choosing to follow Christ often entails significant upheaval in our lives. As the Holy Spirit dismantles our idols and asserts His lordship, He replaces unnecessary baggage with the things of God—hope, purpose, and meaningful connections that surpass worldly pursuits. This upheaval is a crucial aspect of the transformative work God desires to accomplish in the lives of His beloved children.

Are there presently any attachments in your life that are either wrong or are out-of-balance with what the Lord expects? Have the “wonderful sights” of the world captured your attention to such a degree that the Creator has been relegated to the background of your attention and devotion?

Prayerfully consider what God expects and requires from you. Ask Him to help you be unencumbered by worldly distractions and to show you the things that matter most. Express your desire to grow and mature as a Christ follower. Give Him praise and thanksgiving for wanting you in His family forever.