

Something More, Something Great

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I. Mediocrity

II. The Chance Of A Lifetime

Mark 2:13-17

v. 13-14

Opportunity

v. 15

Mass Appeal

v. 17

Opposition

III. Rising Above

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Most people at one time or another wrestle with questions such as, "Is this all that there is to life?" Like Matthew, many find themselves in jobs & life circumstances that are unfulfilling or without hope for progress. Situations such as these can be emotionally frustrating & spiritually crippling. Moreover, they can prevent you from experiencing joy.

You were made for more than mediocrity. God does not expect, nor does He want you to settle for something less than the fullness of life that is made possible through Christ. His desire is that you would leave behind worldly pursuits (power, pleasure, prestige) & enter into a relationship with Jesus that is vibrant & growing.

Through the Gospel, Jesus has called the world out of sinfulness, futility & mediocrity. His invitation calls you into the worthwhile pursuit of wholeness & holiness.

Are you laboring under the weight of a dull & drab existence? Or perhaps you are fearfully withdrawn from the world, ambivalent to all of the beauty & wonder contained therein? Has a lack of understanding of what He offers or a lack of courage to accept His grace & lordship, kept you from being all that you could be through Him? Jesus is offering you something more, something truly great. He offers you life—forgiveness, mercy, direction, blessing & purpose.

Prayerfully consider where you presently stand in terms of fulfillment & direction in life. Sincerely & honestly discern if your relationship with God is as real & as important as it should be. Ask God to help you rise above the monotony & mediocrity of a life devoid of His presence & love. Commit to trust & follow Him today & in each new day He graciously gives.