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Series: More Than Words
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More Than Words part 3: A New Agenda

Mark 1: ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” ³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. ⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. ⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

When we get really busy, one of the things that suffers the most is our prayer life.

- The busier Jesus got, the more he withdrew and prayed.

The primary purpose of prayer is not to just to get things from God. It is to get God.

The needs of others can create:

- A lot of pressure
- A different agenda

Jesus’ miracles focused on needs that people were very aware of.

Jesus’ teaching focused on needs that people were unaware of.

The Gospel produces people who don’t despise the world or reflect the world. They love the world.

Because Jesus was willing to be an outcast, we are able to be included.