



# Mark

CHRIST'S POWER OVER EVERY NEED

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Why follow Him at all - especially when the cost is so high?

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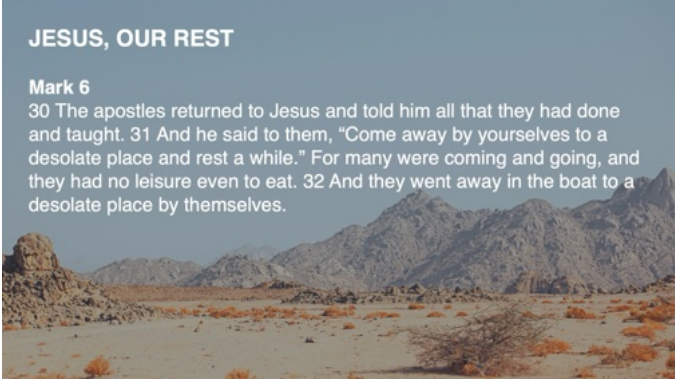
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Before Jesus sends his disciples out, he draws them in.



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### Mark 3:14

And he appointed twelve so that **they might be with him** and he might send them out to preach



This is a lesson in discipleship:  
You must learn to be with Jesus.

Your first ministry isn't to anyone else but your soul  
- to step into undistracted, unhurried space with Jesus.



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- 3) Because we don't slow down, we shut down.

Superficiality is the curse of our age. - Richard Foster

We, for every kind of reason, good and bad, are **distracting ourselves into spiritual oblivion**. It is not that we have anything against God, depth, and spirit, we would like these, it is just that we are habitually too preoccupied to have any of these show up on our radar screens. **We are more busy than bad, more distracted than nonspiritual**, and more interested in the movie theater, the sports stadium, and the shopping mall and the fantasy life they produce in us than we are in church. Pathological busyness, distraction, and restlessness are major blocks today within our spiritual lives....

- Ronald Rolheiser

For many of us the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it. We will just skim our lives instead of actually living them.

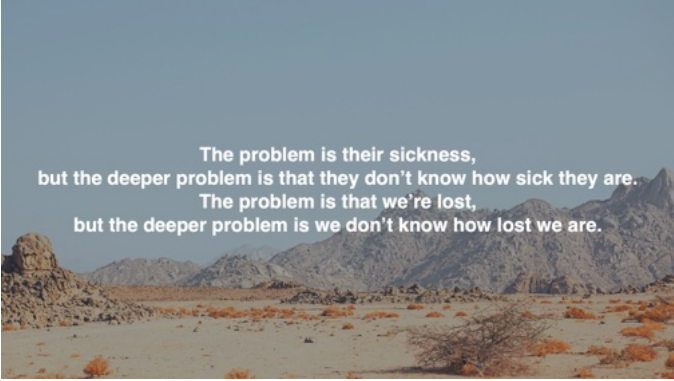
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but the deeper problem is that they don't know how sick they are.  
The problem is that we're lost,  
but the deeper problem is we don't know how lost we are.



We are so sheep.  
Sheep don't need advice.  
Sheep don't need motivation.  
Sheep need a shepherd.

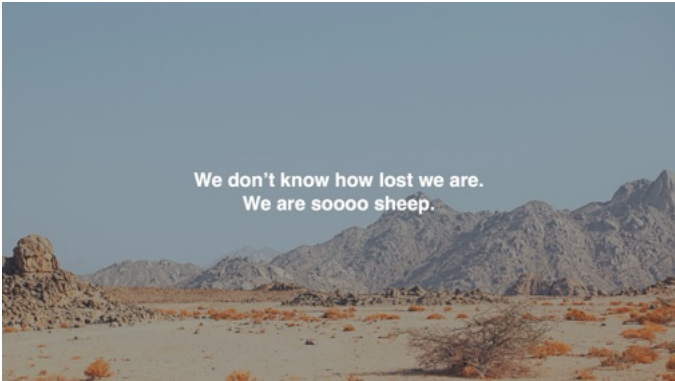
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### Numbers 27:17

17 who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be as **sheep that have no shepherd.**"

### Ezekiel 34:5-6

5 So they were scattered, because **there was no shepherd**, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; 6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

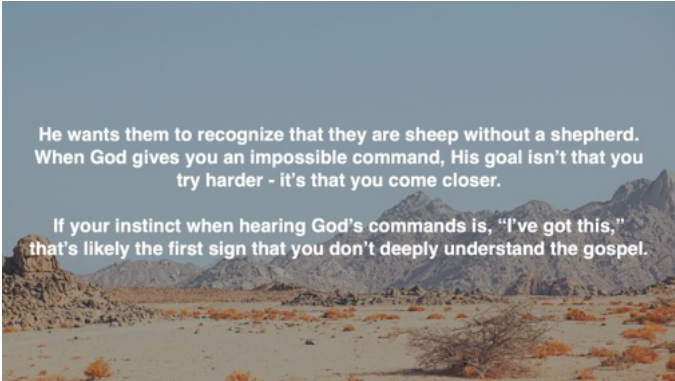


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He wants them to recognize that they are sheep without a shepherd.  
When God gives you an impossible command, His goal isn't that you try harder - it's that you come closer.

If your instinct when hearing God's commands is, "I've got this," that's likely the first sign that you don't deeply understand the gospel.



**"Love the Lord with all your heart." → God, I need you.**  
**"Love your spouse as Christ loves the church." → God, I need you.**  
**"Love your enemy." → God, I need you.**  
**"Give cheerfully and generously." → God, I need you.**

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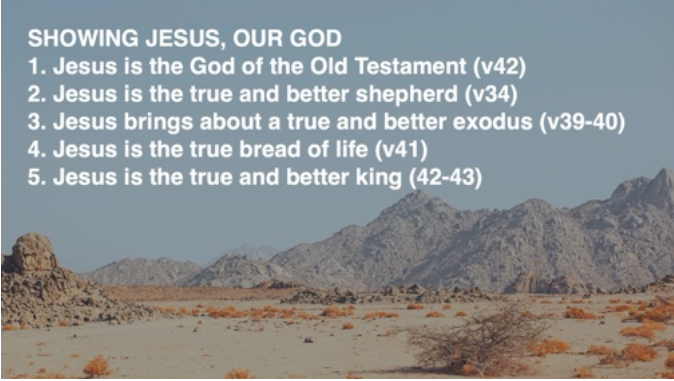
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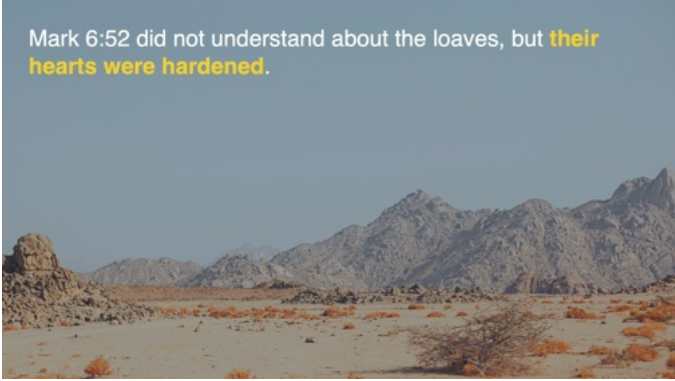
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Mark 6:52 did not understand about the loaves, but **their hearts were hardened.**



I sin like a man, He forgives like a God.  
- Charles Spurgeon

God is better at being God  
than you are at being sinful and hard-hearted.