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**PLEASE OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO Mark 6:1-13**

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**PRAY**

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**What can we learn from this passage?****5 KEY POINTS**

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**1.) WE HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO UNDERSTANDS AND INTERCEDES V.1-6**

- a. They were Offended (skandalizo□) not because Jesus healed people
- b. Offended because He was a carpenter and healed someone!
- c. Jesus knows what it feels like to be rejected.
- d. Jesus knows what it is liked to not be received in His gifts.
- e. He knows what it is like to not be able to do mighty works
- f. He understands what we go through

**Heb 4:15** “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted just as we are, yet without sin.”

**Rom 8:34** “Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who has died, and furthermore is also *risen*, who is even at *the right hand* of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

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**2.) THE MISSION DIDN'T CHANGE BECAUSE “THEY” WERE OFFENDED V.7****a. God doesn't have another mission:**

**Mark 1:38** “But He said to them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

**Mark 2:17** “When Jesus heard it, He said to them, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

**Mark 10:45** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**Matthew 28:18-20** “Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

**b. V.6 Jesus goes elsewhere – “circuit preacher”****c. V.7 Jesus invites, summons 12 who will go on behalf of Him****d. V.7 Jesus gives the disciples power over unclean spirits****3.) HE SEND US OUT, BUT NOT TO WALK THIS OUT BY OURSELVES v.7**

- a. Throughout the Bible God hooks people together for ministry
- b. We are not meant to do this on our own – WE NEED EACH OTHER!
- c. Together with your Christian friends—you can reach someone.
- d. Working together we can bring someone to Christ who would not necessarily be brought by one person.

The Apostle Paul said:

**1Corinthians 3:6** “I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”

**Deut 32:30** “...” *One chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight...*”

#### 4.) ALL PROVISION COMES FROM THE LORD ALONE v.8-11

- a. Don't look to yourself to supply anything!
- b. Jesus **COMMANDED THEM** to take **NOTHING** for the mission!
- c. Jesus needs to be your **TOTAL** resource!
  - i. **Physical: *Food, clothing, finances***
  - ii. **Spiritual: *Power to heal, words to say, convictions***
  - iii. **Emotional: *Strength, safety, peace, rest***

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

#### 5.) They did the “stuff”! And so will we! v.12-13

- a. V.12 says that they went out and preached
- b. V.13 says “They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil who were sick, ...”
- c. **“AND HEALED THEM!”**

**My Heart challenge to you is this:**

1. We are **NOT** our own; Jesus is Lord
2. We are **NOT** called to sit on our backsides waiting to go to heaven.
3. We **MUST** go v.12
4. We are **ALL** called to preach and make disciples

- The untapped power of the average believer has to be unleashed in order for real growth in God's kingdom.
- It will only occur as one-on-one discipleship has come to the forefront of personal and corporate ministry.

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“What would happen in America if we had churches full of multipliers? What would happen if they would each win a soul and then get that person delivered of inner bondages and wounds and fully trained to set others free? Each person disciplined would set off a chain reaction of multiplication, and the church would no longer depend on the personality or presence of a charismatic pastor but on thousands of “ambassadors”.

This is what the early church did without benefit of buildings, Bibles, tapes, CDs, books, concerts, dramas, computers, television, or radio. Their focus was making disciples and multiplying them. When we get our thinking straight about what is a normal, functional church, the pressure of performance will cease.”

### **When it comes to sharing the gospel and our faith with others,**

- **We come up with excuses as to why we can't do it.**

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### **The reason that Christians don't share their faith:**

- **We don't want to be bothered with it.**
- **We lack a simple, basic burden and concern.**

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**Bumper sticker I saw on a Car...**

**Where are we going? And what am I doing in this handbasket?!**

### **They are looking for answers**

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**But, without motivation, you and I are not going to do anything.**

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### **What motivated Jesus?**

**Matthew 9:36–37** “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

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### **This pattern of compassion can be seen throughout the ministry of Jesus.**

- **He saw people's deepest need.**
- **He could see where they were hurting the most.**
- **He could look past the facade.**
- **He could hear the cry of their hearts**
- **He saw them as sheep without a shepherd and had compassion**

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**God wants to develop in you a compassion for the lost.**

**God wants to conform us into the image of Jesus**

**God wants to complete the work that He started in you**

## **Have you ever thought about?**

- Why you are here on this earth?
  - Why you are a Christian?
  - Why you are in Church today?
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## **Have you ever asked God?**

- What's my purpose?
  - What's my vision?
  - What am I suppose to do with my life?
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## **If you cash in God's plans for your life for your plans:**

- Self-centered
  - Self-orientated
  - Feeble plans
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## **You've not only made the worst mistake in your life;**

- You've made one of the classic mistakes of history
  - Because you did not know the time of your visitation (Luke19:44)
  - Because you did not know the day in which you were living (1Chron 12:32)
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## **Your God and my God wants fruit from the earth**

- He wants people to be saved
  - The MISSION hasn't changed
  - God weeps for the broken lives spread across our land
  - God loves people
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## **We've been so selfish**

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## **We've been so self-centered**

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## **Everything revolves around what I want to do:**

- With my time
  - With my life
  - My energy
  - My money
  - Mine! Mine! Mine!!!!
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## **What about the people who don't know what you know?**

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## **What about the people who never had one sin forgiven?**

**What about the people all across this city right now:**

- Who are sitting at home RIGHT NOW thinking of killing themselves?
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**People who are looking for truth**

- And you're sitting here with truth on your laps!
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**What about those people?!?**

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**There has to be somebody, sometime, somewhere**

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**Who gets it into their hearts that God hasn't called you:**

- To do your own thing;
  - But to rescue a dying world.
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**You are either a part of the solution or part of the problem**

- We don't need more Christians in America messing up their lives
  - We don't need more Christians in America wasting their lives
  - We've got millions of them
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**This world we live in is going to hell!**

- It is coming apart at the seams
  - Economically, socially, morally it is coming to an end
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**And the only hope for these lost souls is not Christians**

- The world is loaded with Christians
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**What God wants and needs and demands are DISCIPLES**

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**That word means a wholehearted following Jesus Christ**

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**We have a whole lot of people who say they follow Jesus**

- Who have never really surrendered to His Lordship
  - Who are so content sitting waiting for Jesus to return
  - Who really don't want to be bothered with the things of God
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**A disciple is someone who is radically sold out to Jesus**

- In EVERY area of their lives.
  - This is not based on performance
  - It is based upon surrender
  - To WHATEVER He wants you to do or not do
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## **LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION:**

**“When was the last time you asked Jesus:”**

- How you were to spend your time?
  - How you were to spend your money?
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**“When was the last time you asked Jesus:”**

- For permission to go or to do something?
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**God wants us to Wake up and to Grow up**

- I know Christians who are 30 years old in Christ who are still babes
  - They can't give up this
  - They can't give up that
  - Because they never became a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ
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**Being saved by grace is not an excuse to remain immature**

- God wants us to let His grace to allow our flesh to be removed.
  - He wants us to become representatives of Jesus here on the earth
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**You say; “I can't do it on my own!”**

- I say; “You're right!”
  - But Jesus wants to help you to become a whole person
  - And then instead of needing counsel
  - You'll give counsel!
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**God wants us ALL to mature**

- Because where we are going may cost us our lives
  - It cost Jesus His life.
  - It cost most of the disciples of Jesus their lives
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**I'm telling you this not to scare you**

- But so that you will continue to follow Him no matter what
  - That you will love not your life unto death
  - That you will come to the place of surrender to His plan for your life
  - Even if that means He wants you to be around for another 70 years.
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**God is looking for someone to tell people that Jesus loves them**

- God wants to put His love into your hearts for this world
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**God is looking for someone to stand up and say;**

- Jesus is the Way
- Jesus is the Light
- Jesus is the Truth

## **The Creator of the universe wants to use YOU!**

**You may be thinking;**

- **“I’m not a preacher!”**
- **“I’m not even sure if I have the qualities God is looking for”**

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**“What kind of qualities is God looking for is some He uses?”**

- **He is looking for ordinary people**
- **People who love Him with all their heart, minds, soul, and strength**
- **People who will say “YES” when He calls.**
- **People who will look to Him alone for what to do and say**

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**Throughout the history of the Christian church and throughout the Bible, we find stories of God doing extraordinary things using ordinary people.**

**The Apostle Paul said:**

**1Corinthians 1:27 “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;”**

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### **SO, HOW DO WE RESPOND?**

**This world is getting darker. Gross darkness (Isaiah 60:2)**

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**We can’t put too much hope in politicians to solve this mess.**

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**The only hope for our world is a spiritual awakening thru Jesus.**

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**We have to get the gospel out.**

- **We have got to work as never before, because time is short.**
- **The devil knows that, his goal is to drag as many people down as he possibly can.**

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**It is quite possible that God has put you where you are at this moment for such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)**

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**We have got to get out there and make a difference.**

- **God wants to use you**
- **He has a place for you, a part for you to play, a seed for you to sow, a call for you to answer.**
- **You can and will make a difference – IF YOU LET GOD USE YOU.**

**WORSHIP TEAM PLEASE COME UP HERE**

**READ Matt 10:1-42**

**LET'S PRAY**

**Lord, use me in your mission.**

- I will be a laborer.
- I don't know what I can do.
- I don't know what I can offer.
- I don't have a lot, Lord.
- But I give it to you.

**I'm just an ordinary person.**

**But I offer my life to you; TODAY**

- Lord, it's not much, but it's yours.
- I give my life to you.
- Here I am Lord, send me.

**BENEDICTION:**

Jude 1:24-25 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

**Let God use you, and watch what God can do!**

**In Jesus Name, AMEN!**