

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Role Models and Challenges

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The pages of Mark contain life—lessons and role—models of faith—people who challenge believers to put their faith in action.

ROLE MODELS

1. JESUS {1:40-42; 5:24-34; 7:24-30; 8:1-8} displayed compassion and mercy to all, including the poor, the socially ostracized and ordinary people in need. How is God calling us to respond as servants to those around us?
2. THE DEMON—POSSESSED MAN (5:1-20), after having been set free from the bondage of demonic control, went with joy to tell others what Jesus had done for him. From what has Jesus freed you? What has been your response?
3. THE GREEK (SYROPHOENICIAN) WOMAN (7:24-30) wouldn't be deterred from seeking deliverance/healing for her daughter. How does her example encourage us?
4. PETER (8:27-30) boldly expressed the truth that Jesus is the Christ. Who do you say Jesus is? Who have you told?
5. BARTIMAEUS (10:46-52) threw aside his one possession, his cloak, to follow Jesus. What is Jesus calling us to leave behind—a possession, habit, person or an-attitude as we follow Him?

CHALLENGES

- (a) Be ready for God to move through you—ready with the message of salvation, regardless of the personal cost (8:34-9:1)
- (b) Allow God to use you to show His love and compassion for others by bringing healing and wholeness to those around you (1:40-42)

(c) Be willing to confront the injustice of a domineering system that opts for violent “solutions” or “benign neglect” of society’s most vulnerable (7:1-23; 10:13-16)

(d) Live your life from the perspective that greatness in God’s kingdom is expressed by service and sacrifice (10:43-45).