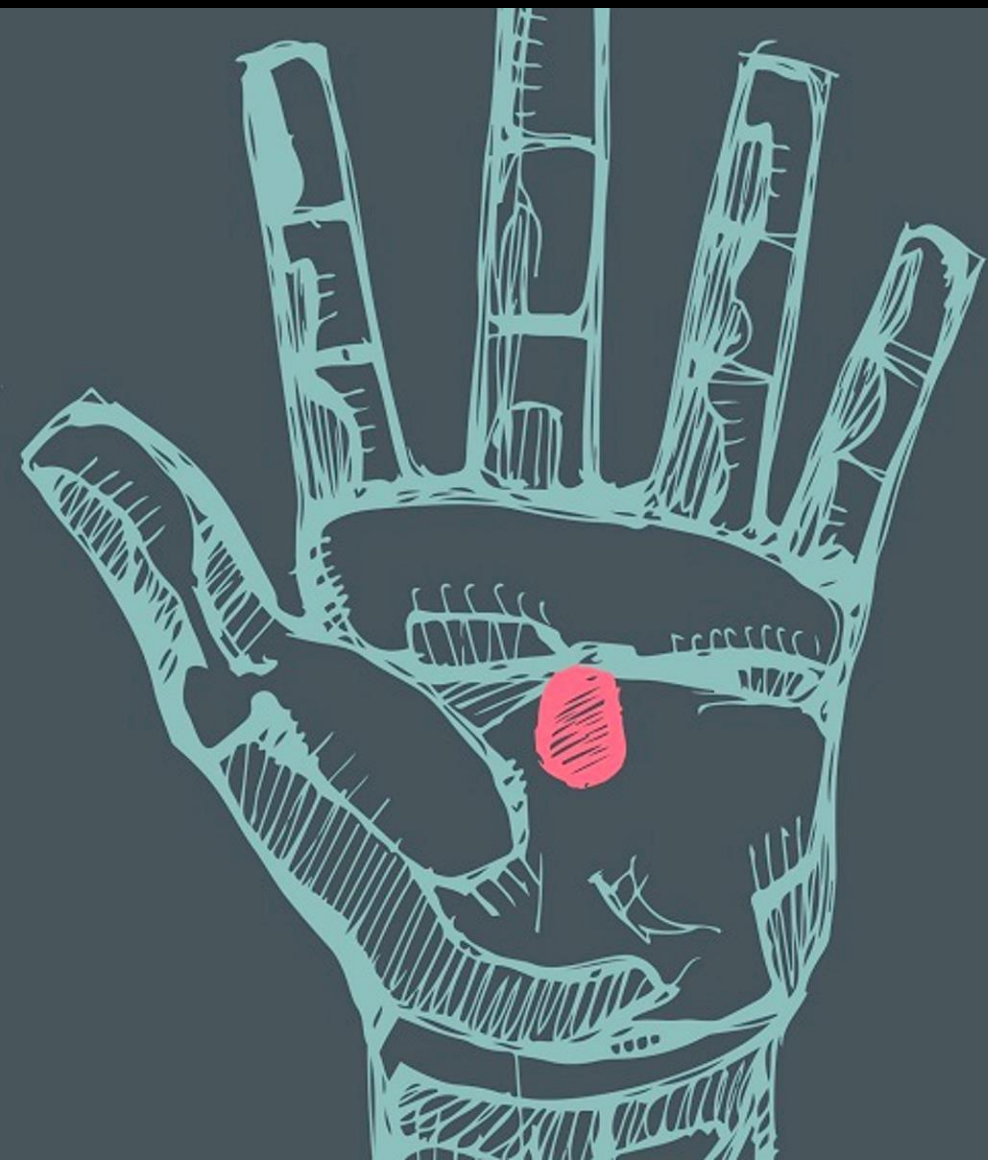




THE
GOSPEL
OF
MARK

Selfless Service

Mark 1:29-39





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³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, 'Everyone is looking for you.' ³⁸ And he said to them, 'Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also,

for that is why I came out.’³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.”

**Only time with our
heavenly Father can help
us possess and maintain a
heart to serve selflessly.**

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**If mama ain't happy
ain't nobody happy!**

*Happy Wife ♡
♡ Happy Life!*



James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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Ways we can love “the crowds”

1. Through Prayer

2. By sharing the good news in word and deed.

3. By bringing shalom wholeness and healing by promoting and being involved with wise social and political action.

- 1. From Genesis we know that all people as creatures of God, are image-bearers. (Genesis 1:26-27)**
- 2. In the Old Testament Israel was given a mandate to care for the poor and oppressed. And God gave specific guidelines on how they were to carry it out. (Leviticus 19:9-10)**
- 3. God, who is the Creator of all, judges even the non-elect nations. (Ezekiel 24-32, Isaiah 13-24)**
- 4. In the New Testament the church of Jesus Christ is now the supernaturally redeemed, elect community of God's children in a world that is still temporarily committed to the ways of Satan, *the god of this world*. (Ephesians 1-2)**

- 5. The New Testament church, children of God, are mandated to care for the poor and oppressed. (James 1:26-27)**
- 6. We are never told in the New Testament how this is to be carried out by any nation. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A CHRISTIAN NATION. (1 Peter 2:9-10)**
- 7. So true believers in any nation (such as America) have the responsibility to use persuasion if possible, and in America it still is. We are to seek to persuade the nation to offer wise, compassionate service to the oppressed, emigrants, refugees.**

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John 13:1-5

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13-15 (ESV)

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.