

Mark:
Just
Jesus
Son of the Man



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Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

Mark 10:35-45

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:35-45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



The disciples were human.
They had weaknesses.



Jesus disrupts the normal human power system
by declaring: “True leadership is serving others.”



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Respect others.

Mark 10:42-43a

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“Too often I move on quickly when others cause pain. I’m not honest about the inner stew of bitterness and anger cooking. I leave pain where it is and put a pillow over top so that no one sees and so that I can forget about it, since I don’t have time for it, nor, I assume, is it worthy of my time.

Pastor John Starke
When Healing Takes Time

But what human experience and the Psalms show over and over again is that forgiveness and healing are difficult and costly. We know we should forgive, but our hearts don't run as fast as our intellect, since they carry heavier baggage. And so it takes more time and patience, more care and reflection. The Psalms teach us we have little control over our emotions.

What matters most is where we take them.

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What our pain and rejection need is time—time to lament, time to plead for help, time to repent. We need time to heal.”

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Keys to leading by serving...

Respect others.

Use some elbow grease.

Mark 10:43b-44

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Use some elbow grease.

Deepen your humility.

“...you’re never going to live this kind of servant life—you’re never going to move out into relationships really trying to serve others rather than trying to use others to build up your self-image—unless there’s a deep humility in you.”

Tim Keller

Your Main Problem Isn't Other People

Mark 10:45a

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Mark 10:40

⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.

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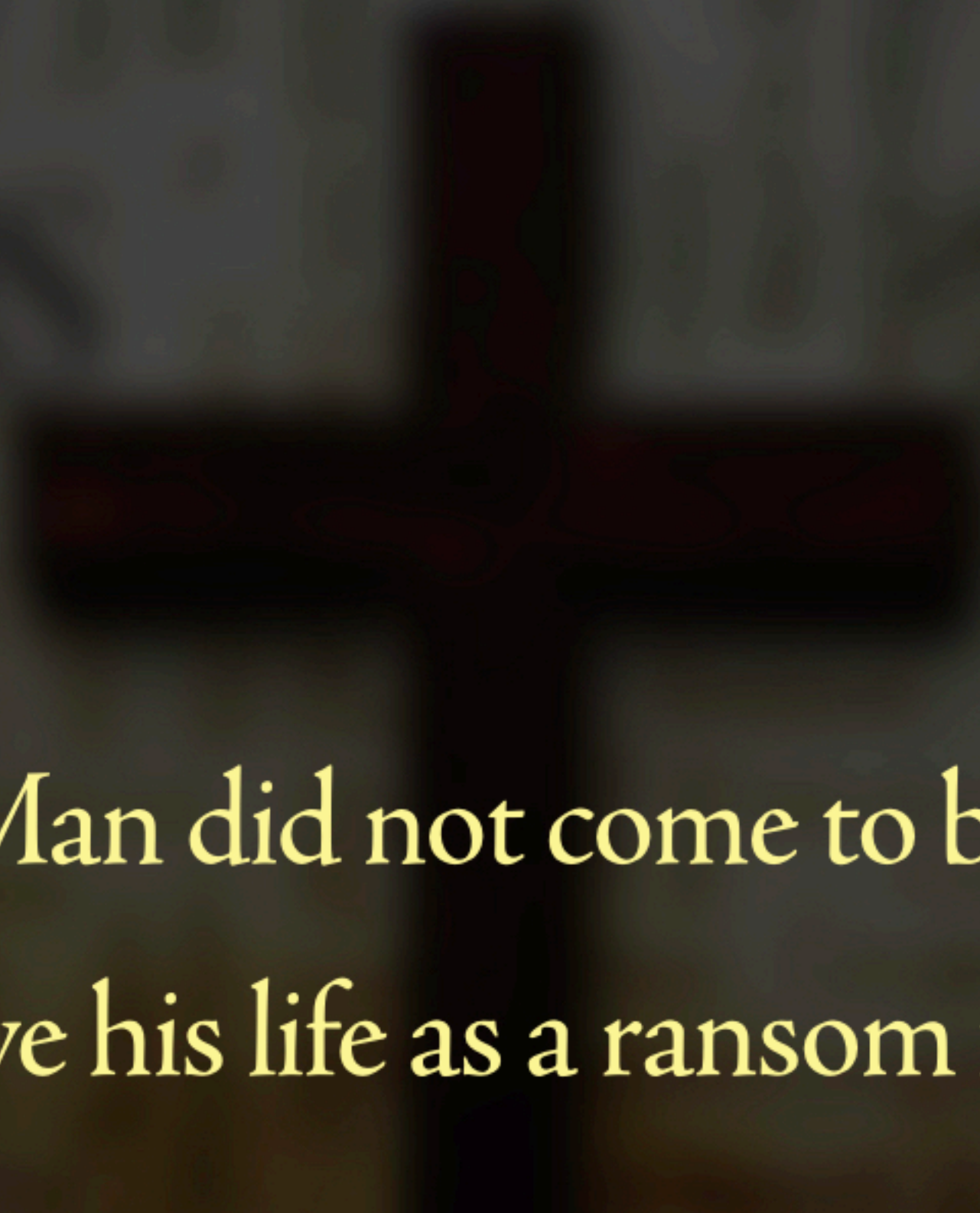
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Deepen your humility.

Yield your will.

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