



## **The Story & Way of Jesus**

### **The Faithfulness of Jesus**

Mark 10:1-16

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“What did Moses command you?” he replied. They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

## **Mark 8:25**

Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

### Setting the Stage

Twice-touched blind man (8:22-26)

### You see! But, not clearly...

Peter's confession (8:27-30)

### Let me help you see more clearly...

Jesus predicts death 1st time (8:31-33)

Following Jesus involves suffering (8:34-9:29)

Jesus predicts death 2nd time (9:30-37)

Following Jesus involves sacrifice (9:38-10:31)

Jesus predicts death 3rd time (10:32-34)

Following Jesus involves service (10:35-52)

### Now you can see!

Triumphal entry (11:1-11)

Hardness

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### **Mark 10:3**

“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

### **Mark 10:4**

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### **Mark 10:5**

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied.

### **Mark 10:5 [ESV]**

“Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.”

*σκληροκαρδία: destitution of (spiritual) perception*

Destitution: poverty so extreme that one lacks the means to provide for oneself

Perception: the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses

### **Ezekiel 36:26**

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

## **Psalm 95:8-10**

Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah  
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
where your ancestors tested me;  
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.  
For forty years I was angry with that generation;  
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they have not known my ways."

## **Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

## **Mark 10:2-3**

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"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

Faithfulness

**Mark 10:6**

“But at the beginning of creation God...”

**Genesis 1:1**

“In the beginning God...”

**Deuteronomy 31:6**

“...the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**Mark 10:6-9**

“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

**Mark 10:10-12**

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

**Leviticus 20:10**

If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife...both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

**Ephesians 5:25-32**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and

care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

“What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?”

- Gary Thomas, *Sacred Marriage*

“Loving someone the way that God loves us requires making hard choices to put the other person’s needs ahead of our own. ‘Love regardless’ means loving someone even when they aren’t particularly lovable. Because we are all selfish, we aren’t always going to feel like making the hard, selfless choices that true love requires. That’s why true love requires commitment, not just feelings. Loving feelings can come and go, but what distinguishes ‘love regardless’ from ‘love if’ and ‘love because’ is a commitment to love the way God loves us.”

- Kim Vollendorf, *Loving Your Husband Before You Even Have One*

“FOBO is the evil brother of FOMO that can ruin your life.”

- Patrick McGinnis

“FOBO is a learned behavior, but it can be unlearned as well. And while you might think that cutting down your options will mean you’ll suffer, you’ll find it is actually entirely liberating.”

- Patrick McGinnis

Openness

### **Mark 10:13-16**

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indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

**Mark 10:26**

“Who then can be saved?”

**Mark 10:27**

“With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

**Mark 10:16**

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

**John 10:10**

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”