

The Way of a Servant: Mark Power and Dependence

The power of the Servant...

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. (Mark 1:29-31)

- **Jesus the healer** – “That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.” (vv. 32-34a)
- **Jesus the deliverer** – “He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.” (v. 34b)

☞ **Assess:** *what area of your life needs to be “touched” by the Servant?* _____

The dependence of the Servant...

- **Exhaustion didn't trump priority** – “Very early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” (v. 35)

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:15-16)

- **The urgent didn't trump the important** – “Simon and his companions went looking for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: ‘Everyone is looking for you!’ Jesus replied, ‘Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.’” (vv. 36-38)

☞ **Apply:** *bring the power of God to your area of need through prayer* – “The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves...And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:10b-11, 13-14)

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (Mark 1:39)