

MSG: WHAT AM I DOIN?

SCRIPTURE: MARK 3:13-19 NASB

SZN 3: RELEASE LIKE JESUS

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“And He *went up on the mountain and *summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons. And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); and Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.”

INTRO:

It's fascinating to me, that we find ourselves often at the intersection of doing things that seem to mean a lot in the moment but shortly after that, we find that they are very, very insignificant in light of the broader picture of our lives. I have found that through a disciplined regimented study of the Scriptures often the things that I tend to want to do, doesn't carry the same eternal weight or significance to that that God wants me to do. So, what do we do with that paradox? What do we do with that tension that we live in where we want to do what we want to do and at the same time there is this over arcing call, this over arcing Desire to do what God wants to do??

And that is the place that we find in this text, this Tension of Jesus beginning to release these teenage boys and these young men and women into their destiny, but they're created in the same way that we often are. In that tension we lack understanding with an unknowing, leaving us with unanswered questions that we eventually ask “What am I doin?” What are you doing right now, is it going to lead you into the place where you get true contentment out of your life, or simply another dollar, or simply another follower or simply another stat or simply another addition to your bottom line? See all of us have to come to the place where we understand what it is that we're doing and who are we doing it for? Let's attempt to wrestle with the question What Am I Doing? And does that align with God's doing...

BACKGROUND CONTEXT ON MARK :

Shortest of the four gospels,

-Details the life of Jesus

-The miracles He performed

-The salvation that His death offers to His followers

-Account of Mark's Interpretation of the events taking place in the lives of those around Jesus

Mark aka John Mark, close relationship to Peter

-between 60-70 CE,

-The first gospel, earliest source

-Wrote while in Rome or Syria

-“Mark The Evangelist”- known for being outspoken- speaking out and teaching about Jesus and working to convert others to the faith

-Companion of Paula and Barnabas

-A disciple of Peters. Peter's experiences influenced the Book of Mark with Jesus. Mark interpreted peter's teaching and recorded the

-The actions of Jesus

CONTEXT:

Written to: Gentiles

Other context: Synoptic Gospel- View many of the same stories and events of the other gospels

-Gospel of Mark Differs from Matthew and Luke- Does not mention the genealogy of Jesus or Nativity story

-Instead begins with John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness

-Details The baptism of Jesus

-It records the actions of Jesus not just the teachings of Jesus to convince the reader that Jesus is the Son of God.

1. JESUS CALLS YOU BY HIS GRACE NOT FOR YOUR GLORY

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“And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.”

Called- (proskaleitai) To call to myself, to summon. to call toward oneself, to invite.

-He called you to himself

YOU'RE CALLED TO BE RELEASED

-BY HIS GRACE- He saw fit to call you to himself for himself, to do something for Him.

2. JESUS INVITES YOU TO KNOW HIM BEFORE YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR HIM.

Mark 3:14

“And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach,”

-PRAYER -Went up to a mountain- secluded with God. Jesus prayed before he selected.

He modeled the notion of intimacy with God before duty with God.

-Duty/job/task/purpose cannot be discovered in proximity to relationship with Jesus

-He calls you to Himself.

-For His pleasure

-He is pleased with you

3. JESUS APPOINTS YOU BASED ON HIS PROVIDENCE NOT BASED ON YOUR PAST.

Mark 3:16-19

“And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); and Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.”

CALLED/APPOINTED - TO DO

“why me?”, “you mean me?”

He went up on the mountain and summoned those who He Himself wanted

appointed : I make, manufacture, construct, (b) I do, act, cause. to make or do.

I have been constructed to do His will. PERIOD.

I have been manufactured to bring Heaven TO Earth

“YOU have to get over your failures, insecurities, worries, fears, concerns, past”

You got to get over your failures

“Failure doesn’t exist- its a figment of your imagination! The story continues! If you fail on Monday, the only way it’s a failure is if you decide to not progress from that moment”

-Kobe

Philippians 3:12-14 NASB

“Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

4. JESUS APPOINTS YOU TO BE A PART OF HIS WORK

PREACH THE GOSPEL- TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

PREACH-To proclaim, to herald, especially divine truth.

-He then releases you with authority (with deputized power)

-To declare the God News of Who He is and His Love

-He then can perform miracles to confirm His Message of who He is to others

-It’s always about what you are communicating to others.

-The reason why walking with Jesus doesn’t seem fly is because sacrifice, carrying your cross, dying to self, doesn’t seem to benefit ourselves.

You see living to allow Jesus to release you into your community, your family , your school your business, your corporation, your industry to release the message of the Kingdom of God with the love of God.

So, what am I doing?