

Gospel of Mark

Walking Prophetically

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Hearing and Obeying the Voice of God

Welcome

OUR GOAL IS RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP:

That we would hear the voice of Jesus.

That we would grow up to grow into our true identity.

That we we would fulfill our heavenly purpose.

As we do, we will ***walk prophetically, personally, and practically, living the Word, proclaiming***

to all: Get ready! King Jesus is coming again! Soon! To call His own to Himself.

Our eternal future is NOW.

Our place to begin? We'll join the followers of Jesus in the Gospels. The Gospel of Mark is the earliest, first account of the Good News, written down. Mark was writing to Christians in Rome, where many gods were worshipped; the god of war, sex, self, money, etc. Isn't this true in our world today? Mark's gospel has much to encourage and teach us of **supernatural discipleship**, our ultimate purpose and calling.

“For we, on our part, cannot stop telling people about what we have seen and heard.”

— Acts 4:20, Amplified Version

Mark's message is plain. Jesus is the Christ, the one and only true Son of God. He shows us Jesus' works and miracles proclaiming eternal, living truth. We hear through parables and prophetic teachings, proof and fulfillment of all the prophets and the law. This can all be summarized in two verses:

“The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” — Mark 1:1

“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.”— Mark 10:45

As we hear and see Jesus, we become His disciples. It is all about our senses. We are going to practice and grow in exercising our spiritual senses: seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and feeling.

“Now faith comes by hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”—

Romans 10:17 NL

By revelation of the Holy Spirit, Mark wrote this Gospel that we could **see** and **hear** and **believe**, because whatever we see and hear and believe—WE DO! We will speak and live out what we truly believe.

John the Baptist believed. He preached in word and deed the prophets and the promises. He was a herald proclaiming the message, “repent, the King is coming.” His call for repentance prepared those who heard and responded to receive Jesus as King when He came the first time.

As Jesus moved about in Galilee, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God and demonstrating the presence of the kingdom through works of power, He sent out His disciples to share in His mission (see Mark 6:7).

WE ARE ALSO BEING CALLED! To move from being a follower—someone who knows about what Jesus did—to being His true disciples, the ones who know Jesus personally and are known by Him. Jesus had many followers, but He had twelve disciples that He personally, continually poured into, ultimately entrusting His heavenly mission to them. And now to each of us.

Our choices and our voices give firm proof of who we follow!

Jesus clearly calls us to walk in His power, being His witness in word and deed to a lost world. **The Spirit speaks** through the Word of God to each of us. Receiving and living it out marks us as **His Radical Disciples**, heralds to our generation. **“Jesus is King!”**

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” —Mark 16:15



Our prayer for you as we start this year.

“Lord, we call to you, seeking you with all our hearts, show us great and mighty things, we don’t know...Open the eyes of our hearts, enlighten us to know the hope to which Jesus has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints...we give ourselves as living sacrifices...transform us by the renewing of our minds...in Your Word....”

(Jeremiah 33:3, Ephesians 1:18, Romans 12:4)

We are praying this for you,

Vicki Bentley

How to Use

Each week:

Always begin with prayer! “Oh Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to “**see**” and “**hear**” and “**believe**” and “**do**” what You reveal.” (read Ephesians 1:17-19)

We will read through a chapter in the Gospel of Mark, highlighting a portion of scripture.

We will give testimony of Jesus! How, as His disciples, we believed and responded, walking in His revelation to us.

I. Review the previous week:

Give testimony of what happened since you last met: What you saw, heard, believed.

- How did you live out what you heard?
- Who did you tell about Jesus?
- How did you respond to the voice of Jesus?

We are called to be Jesus’ sign and wonder to a world that needs to see and hear and experience Him.

II. This Week: Read the entire assigned chapter of The Gospel of Mark for context.

Each week we will work through a specific portion of the chapter to practice how to *hear and respond* to the voice of the Lord as we read His Word.

Using our Spiritual Senses:

SHOWING:

From the highlighted portion of scripture, retell the story by answering and discussing with each-other;

- a. Seeing....What do you see? Describe the scene, the people, the teaching, etc.)?**

(This is called Logos – The general Word to me)

- b. **Hearing....**What do you hear? What personal message is the Holy Spirit revealing to you in the midst of this scene or teaching or parable, etc.? What does this make you think, consider, question...?

(This is called Rhema: Revelation – A Divine Illumination of Jesus Word to me, personally

PRAYER:

Prayer is uniting our will with God to be empowered to Walk Prophetically.

- **Partner** in prayer with at least one other person (or more)
- **Praise** the Lord for what He has revealed in His Word this week.
- **Ask** the Lord for boldness and power to “**do**” His revealed will.
- **Pray** for one another to give Testimony (tell it again) how you heard the voice of the Lord and “Walked Prophetically” this week.

BELIEVING:

Walking Prophetically. Taking action on what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you, personally.

- a. **Doing...How is God inviting you** to actively live out what His Holy Spirit is revealing to you?
- What faith action can you personally take from all you are **seeing** and **hearing** in this portion of scripture.
- b. **Giving Testimony....**Giving Testimony increases your own faith and raises the faith of others to believe and receive the supernatural.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you words and deeds to share your faith testimony of “Walking Prophetically.”

a few helpful reminders...

- *We will be working from the English Standard Version for the scripture portions.*
- *Remember to begin your time in the Word with prayer asking to see and hear and believe, responding to the voice of the Father. ***
- *All of these bullets are prompts to help you see, hear, and respond to the voice of the Lord as you read His Word.*
- *Partnering with at least one other person gives you a prayer partner and an accountability partner—someone you can minister to and hold up, as they hold you up in prayer and encouragement.*
- *As we study through the Gospel of Mark, you will read a complete chapter each week, giving you a context for the chosen portion of scripture you will be considering as you learn how to “walk prophetically” through the Gospel of Mark.*
- *We are learning how to read the Word; to “see” with our eyes of faith what the Holy Spirit is showing us; to “hear” the voice of God as He speaks through His Word; to respond as His Radical Disciples with believing obedience to what He has spoken. Finally, to give witness of Jesus as we testify to others.*

Now Lets Get Started!



Schedule


- **Week 1 • September 21 • Mark 1:1-15**
Overview of Mark, Kingdom Ministry, Forerunner, Baptism
- **Week 2 • September 28 • Mark 1:9-45**
Jesus begins the ministry, heals a paralytic
- **Week 3 • October 5 • Mark 2**
Borrowed Faith, Controversy
- **Week 4 • October 12 • Mark 3**
Disciples Called; Jesus Challenged
- **Week 5 • October 19 • Mark 4**
Parables of Soil, Lamp, Seeds; Sea-stilled
- **Week 6 • October 26 • Mark 5**
Demons Flee, Healings of Jairus' Daughter; Woman with Issue of Blood
- **Week 7 • November 2 • Mark 6**
Jesus Rejected; Twelve are Sent
- **Week 8 • November 9 • Mark 7**
Traditions Challenged; Daughter Healed of Unclean Spirit; Deaf and Dumb Man Healed
- **Week 9 • November 16 • Mark 8**
Thousands Fed; Pharisees Seek Sign; Blind Healed; Peters Confession

Thanksgiving/ Christmas Break: November 23 – January 18





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Study Lessons



Mark Chapter One

Lesson 1

Begin your time in the Word with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit for focus, that your heart and mind will **see** and **hear** and **respond** to what the Lord is showing you. Take a moment to bring your heart into oneness with Him. Confess and repent of anything that would hinder you from hearing what the Spirit is saying.

- I. **Review the previous week**
- II. **Read all of Mark Chapter 1**

Mark Chapter 1:1-15 ESV

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

- III. Reread the chosen portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see” and “hear” and “believe” in this scene:



Mark Chapter One

Lesson 2

Mark Chapter One

Lesson 2

Begin your time in the Word with prayer. Bring your thoughts into captivity to the Lord; wait upon the Holy Spirit to show you anything that would keep you from seeing or hearing the Lord in and through His Word.

- I. **Review previous week**
- II. **Read all of Mark Chapter 1**

Mark Chapter 1:16-28 ESV

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him. And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

III. Reread this portion of scripture, focusing on what the Lord shows you in this scene.



Mark Chapter Two
Lesson 3

Mark Chapter Two

Lesson 3

Begin your time in the Word with prayer. Ask for focus, that your heart and mind will hear and see and respond to all that the Lord is showing you. Take a moment to bring your heart into oneness with Him; confess and repent of anything that would hinder you from hearing what the Spirit is saying.

- I. **Review previous week**
- II. **Read the scripture passage**

Mark Chapter 2:1-12, ESV

And when He returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His Spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

III. Reread this portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see” and “hear” in this scene.

Believing

Radical Discipleship: Doing and Sharing

- a. **Doing... Ask the Holy Spirit** for boldness to do what He has prompted your heart to do after meditating on this portion of scripture.
- How can you personally, practically act on what you have seen and heard in this portion of scripture?
 - Is there someone you need to reach out to?
 - How can you accept someone reaching out to you?
 - Stir up your faith to...?



Mark Chapter Three

Lesson 4

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Lesson 4

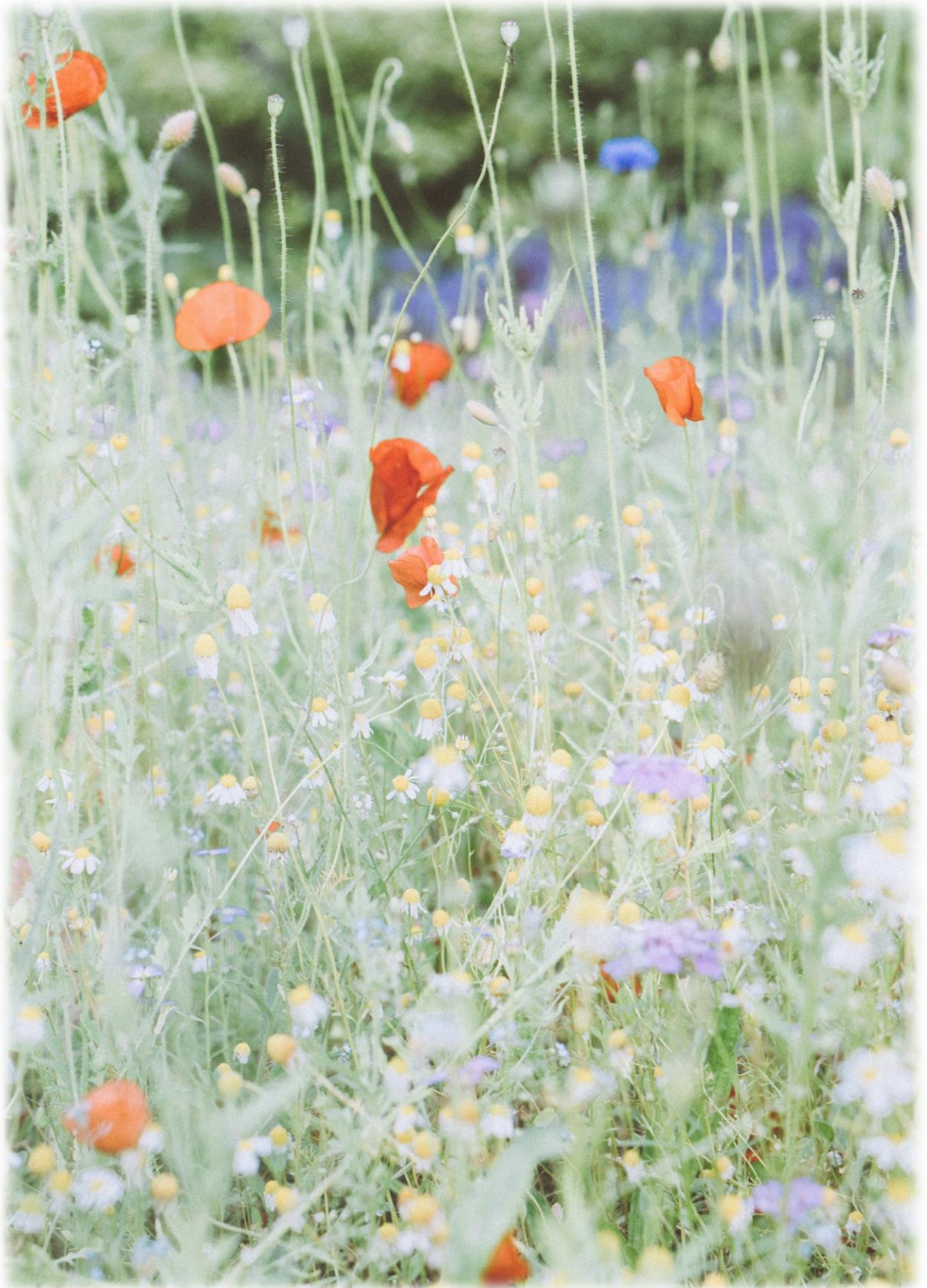
Begin your time in the Word with prayer; Bring your thoughts into captivity to the Lord; wait upon the Holy Spirit to show you anything that would keep you from seeing or hearing the Lord in and through His Word.

- I. **Review previous week**
- II. **Read scripture passage**

Mark Chapter 3:1-6 ESV

Again, He entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether He would heal him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” And He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. And He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against Him, how to destroy Him.

III. Re-read this portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see” and “hear.”



Mark Chapter Four

Lesson 5

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Lesson 5

Begin your time in the Word with prayer. Bring your thoughts into captivity to the Lord; wait upon the Holy Spirit to show you anything that would keep you from seeing or hearing the Lord in and through His Word.

- I. **Review previous week**
- II. **Read scripture passage**

Mark Chapter 4:1-25 ESV

“Again, He began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And He was teaching them many things in parables, and in His teaching, He said to them:

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” And He said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parables. And He said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, so that

*They may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven.”*

And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground; the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those

who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and hundredfold.”

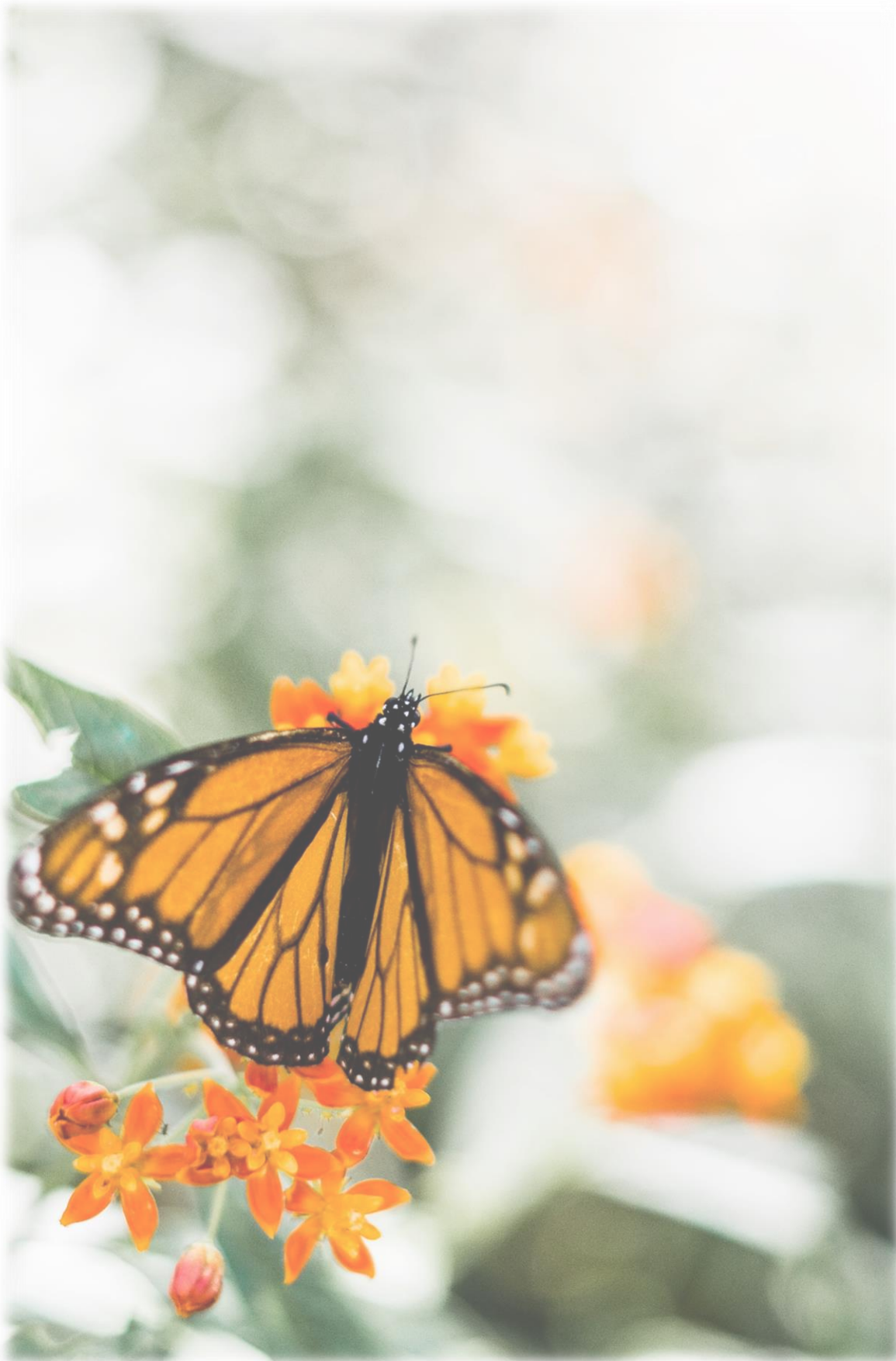
And He said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And He said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

III. Re-read this portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see” and “hear” in this scene.

“Pay attention to what you hear; with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”- Mark 4:24





Mark Chapter Five

Lesson 6

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Lesson 6

Begin your time in the Word with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit for focus, that your heart and mind will “see” and “hear” and respond to what the Lord is showing you. Take a moment to bring your heart into oneness with Him; confess and repent of anything that would hinder you from hearing what His Holy Spirit is speaking.

- I. **Review previous week**
- II. **Read the scripture passage**

Mark Chapter 5:21-34 ESV

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about Him and He was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing Him, he fell at His feet and implored Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” And He went with him.

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports, about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, “If I touch even His garments, I will be made well.” And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” And He looked around to see who had done it. But the woman knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.”

III. Reread this portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see and hear” in this scene.



Mark Chapter Six

Lesson 7

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Lesson 7

Begin your time in the Word with prayer: Bring your thoughts into captivity to the Lord; wait upon the Holy Spirit to show you anything that would keep you from seeing and hearing the Lord in and through His Word.

- I. **Review the previous week**
- II. **Read the scripture passage**

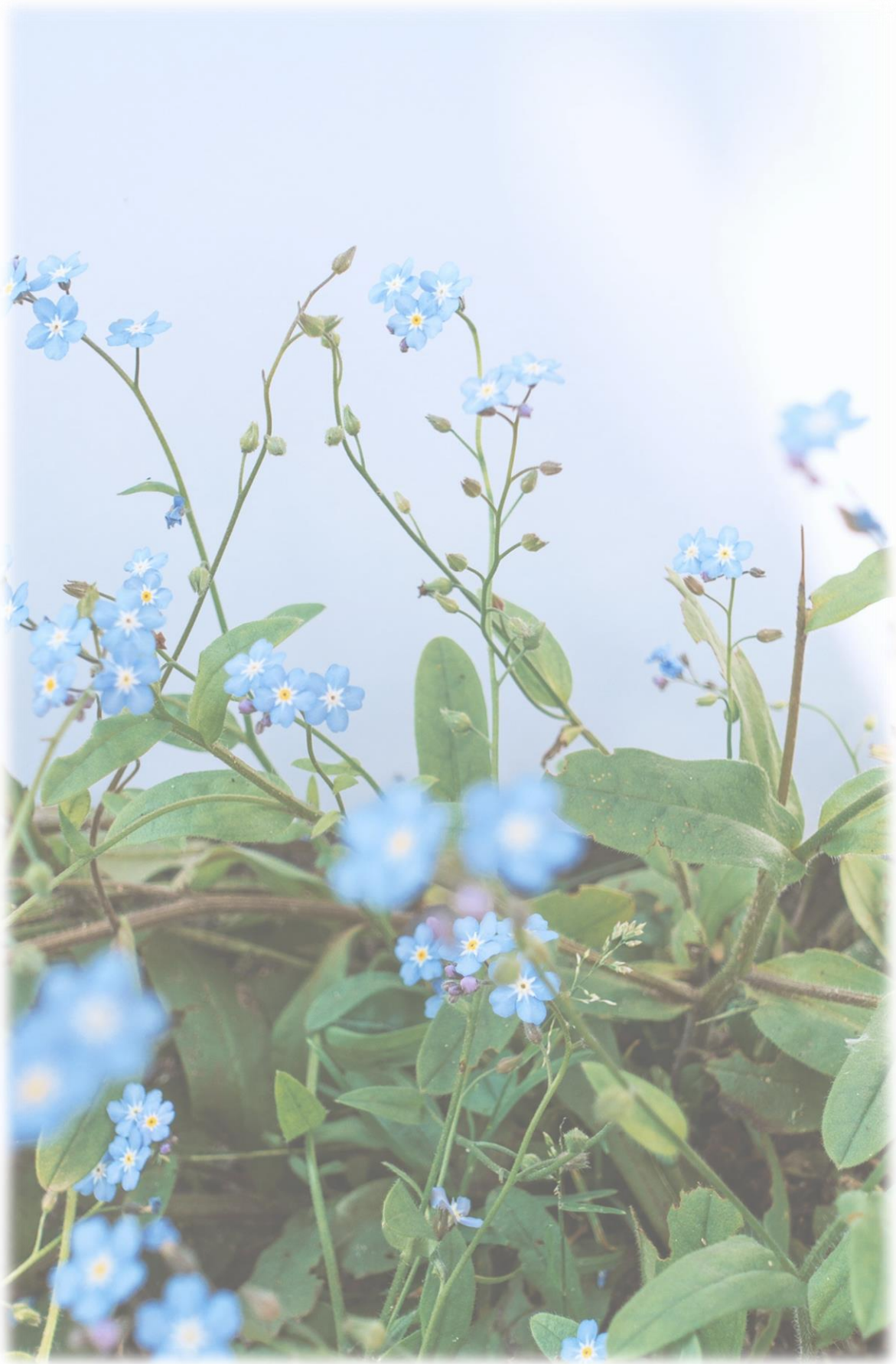
Mark Chapter 6:1-13 ESV

He went away from there and came to His own hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went among the villages teaching.

And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belts – but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

III. Re-read this portion of scripture, focusing on what you see and hear from the Lord in this scenes.



Mark Chapter Seven

Lesson 8

Mark Chapter Seven

Lesson 8

Begin your time in the Word with prayer: Bring your thoughts into captivity to the Lord; wait on the Holy Spirit to show you anything that would keep you from “seeing” and “hearing” the Lord in and through His Word.

- I. **Review the previous week**
- II. **Read the scripture passage**

Mark Chapel 7:24-37 ESV

And from there He arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered Him, “Yes Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” And He said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then He returned to the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting, touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- I. Re-read this portion of scripture, focusing on what you see and hear from the Lord in this scene.



Mark Chapter Eight

Lesson 9

Mark Chapter Eight

Lesson 9

Begin with Prayer. Spend some time worshipping and waiting on the Lord, asking Him for wisdom to **see** and **hear** what He is revealing to you through His Word. Confess anything that keeps you from believing. Bring all your thoughts captive to obedience to Jesus.

- I. **Review the previous week**
- II. **Read the Mark chapter 8**

Mark Chapter 8:27-38 ESV

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; and others say the prophets.” And He asked them “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must “suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples He said to them. “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up the cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and for the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose His soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father and the holy angels.”

- III. Reread this portion of scripture, focusing on what you “see” and “hear” in this scene.

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole world." ~ Mark 16:15

"For we on our own part cannot stop telling people about what we have seen and heard" ~ Acts 4:20

