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SEEKING JESUS

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THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS PRESENT JESUS IN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAYS.

CONSIDER
MARK
WHO HAS A LOWER CHRISTOLOGY THAN JOHN.

"LOWER CHRISTOLOGY" MEANS THAT MARK TENDS TO EMPHASIZE THE human side of Jesus

IN CONTRAST WITH
JOHN
WHO HAS A HIGHER CHRISTOLOGY THAN MARK.

"HIGHER CHRISTOLOGY" MEANS THAT JOHN TENDS TO EMPHASIZE THE divine aspects of Jesus

MATTHEW & LUKE
WERE PROBABLY SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

human side. | divine side.

MARK'S EMPHASIS ON THE HUMAN JESUS

REMINDS US THAT **THE SAVIOR** UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH...

ALMA 7:11 SAYS, "[JESUS] **SHALL GO FORTH, SUFFERING PAINS AND AFFLICTIONS** AND TEMPTATIONS OF EVERY KIND".

OFTEN WHEN WE READ THIS PASSAGE, WE THINK ABOUT JESUS SUFFERING IN GETHSEMANE OR ON THE CROSS.

DID YOU NOTICE ALMA DIDN'T MENTION GETHSEMANE. HE TALKS ABOUT JESUS **"GOING FORTH"** -NOT A ONE-TIME

AS JESUS WENT FORTH

IN HIS LIFE HE EXPERIENCED PAIN, DISAPPOINTMENTS, JOYS, SORROWS AND FEARS. JUST LIKE ALL OF US.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

JESUS BEHOLDING HIM LOVED HIM.
MARK 10:21

THE PHARISEES CAME FORTH, AND BEGAN TO QUESTION WITH HIM, SEEKING OF HIM A SIGN FROM HEAVEN, TEMPTING HIM. AND HE SIGHED DEEPLY IN HIS SPIRIT.
MARK 8:11-12

HE... LOOKED ROUND ABOUT ON THEM WITH ANGER, BEING GRIEVED FOR THE HARDNESS OF THEIR HEARTS.
MARK 3:5

JESUS [WAS] MOVED WITH COMPASSION.
MARK 1:41

THEY BROUGHT YOUNG CHILDREN TO HIM, AND HIS DISCIPLES REBUKED THOSE THAT BROUGHT THEM BUT WHEN JESUS SAW IT, HE WAS MUCH DISPLEASED.
MARK 10:13-14

MY GOD, MY GOD, **WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME.**
MARK 15:34

[JESUS] SAYETH UNTO THEM, **MY SOUL IS EXCEEDING SORROWFUL** UNTO DEATH.
MARK 14:34

PRINCIPLE enduring TO THE END

GOING **FORTH** IN **FAITH** THROUGH THE PAIN, DISAPPOINTMENTS, SORROWS AND FEAR IS **THE PRINCIPLE** OF ENDURING TO THE END.

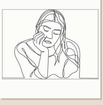
as Jesus went forth

CAN YOU RELATE TO THESE EMOTIONS?

COMPASSION . ANGER . GRIEF . DISAPPOINTMENT . GREATLY DISPLEASED . LOVE . EXCEEDING SORROW .

feeling completely abandoned

MARK WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT JESUS UNDERSTANDS YOUR FEELINGS BECAUSE HE FELT THEM TOO.



LET THIS TRUTH **sink in JESUS** FELT WHAT YOU FEEL.

AS HE **WENT FORTH** HE SUFFERED EVERY KIND OF PAIN.

JESUS UNDERSTANDS **US**

JESUS IS WITH US

"HE THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF **THE MOST HIGH** SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THEE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS: MY GOD; IN HIM WILL I TRUST."

Psalm 91

SEEKING JESUS

THE GOSPEL, THE KINGDOM, AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP

LUKE 2:52 · LUKE 19:1 · LUKE 22:24

NOTICE GOSPEL

1 NOTICE that **MARK** WRITES THE GOSPEL FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.

"THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD."

2 NOTICE **THE PEOPLE BELIEVED** THE GOSPEL "GOOD NEWS", BUT THEY WERE ONLY HAPPY WHEN JESUS HEALED SICK AND DEMON POSSESSED PEOPLE. MARK, HOWEVER, WANTED THE MESSAGE TO THAT CONTINUE TO BE "GOOD NEWS".

NOTICE HOW MARK WRITES THE GOSPEL SO THAT THE PEOPLE WERE NOT ONLY HAPPY WITH JESUS, BUT WERE ALSO WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM.

THE PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE JESUS DO MIRACLES, BUT THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM. THEY WANTED MILITARY VICTORY.

3 NOTICE **HOW** THE GREEKS WERE ROMANS, THE JEWS WERE JEWS, THE CHRISTIANS OF MARK'S DAY WERE CHRISTIANS, AND JESUS WANTED TO HAVE

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GENTILES, "CHRISTIANS" WHO WERE NOT JEWS, AND JESUS WANTED JEWS TO BE THE MISSIONARIES TO THE GENTILES.

MARK CONTRASTS THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WILLING TO FOLLOW JESUS WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW JESUS.

JESUS WAS **MESSIAH** BUT HE WAS NOT THE MESSIAH THE PEOPLE WANTED. JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH THE PEOPLE NEEDED, BUT THE MESSIAH THE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT.

THE GOSPEL, (the good news), is that JESUS was going, and he was considered, HE IS OUR KING AND HE IS BRINGING HIS KINGDOM TO EARTH.

NOTICE KINGDOM

1 NOTICE the word **KINGDOM** IN MARK, **THE FIRST THING** THAT **JESUS SAYS** IS, "THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE **KINGDOM** IS **at hand**; **REPENT YE, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.**" (MARK 1:15)

? WHAT TYPE OF KINGDOM IS JESUS BRINGING?

NOTICE PRINCIPLES

2 NOTICE JESUS' **PRINCIPLES** ARE IMPORTANT TO MARK

3 TIMES MARK SHOWS US THAT JESUS TEACHES THE PRINCIPLE OF **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

AS HE FORETELLS OF HIS **SUFFERING FOR US**, REJECTION BY THE ELDERS, HIS KILLING AND AFTER 3 DAYS HE WOULD RISE - ALL DONE TO SERVE US.

JESUS TEACHES **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** *by saying*

"WHOSOEVER wishes to **BECOME GREAT** among you must be your **SERVANT**, AND WHOSOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU MUST BE SLAVE OF ALL. FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED **BUT TO SERVE** AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY."

(MARK 10:42-45 [NRSV])

THIS IS A **POWERFUL PRINCIPLE**, AND WE PERSONALLY HAVE IT IN OUR HEADS, BUT WORK IMPORTANTLY, IS IT IN OUR **hearts**?

NOTICE SERVANT LEADERSHIP

JESUS

JESUS IS OUR TEACHER OF THE **PRINCIPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE OF THE **WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO "COME, **FOLLOW ME**" BY SEEKING OUT, PRAYING FOR, AND APPLY HIS PRINCIPLES IN YOUR LIFE.

THE THEME OF **DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE** IS SOMETHING THAT **MARK** CONTINUALLY EMPHASIZES. SOMETIMES THIS SURFACES IN MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE - ALL TELL THE STORY OF DISCIPLES FAILING.

IF DISCIPLES ARE FAILING, MARK'S TALKING ABOUT IT.

MARK CONSTANTLY GIVES US THE **DISCIPLES AND I** LIVING UP TO **WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING**, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE RESPONDING TO AS DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE.

NOTICE DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE

JESUS DOESN'T KICK THEM OFF THE TEAM BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RUN THE PLAY THE RIGHT WAY. HE'S ALWAYS BUILDING THEM BACK, **GIVING THEM ANOTHER CHANCE**, AND THROUGH HIS POWER, LIFTING THEM HIGHER.

WE WONDER IF **MARK** INCLUDES THESE EXAMPLES OF **DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE** TO GIVE HOPE TO EACH OF US WHEN WE FAIL.

DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE

EXAMPLE

A PRIME EXAMPLE OF **DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE** IN **MARK** IS HIS ACCOUNT OF PETER, AS THE COCK CROWED **FOUR TIME TIME**, PETER HAD JUST DENIED JESUS FOR THE THIRD TIME.

AND THEN YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION AND THERE IS **NO MENTION OF PETER.**

MARK MENTIONS OTHER FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST AT THE CROSS - **BUT NOT PETER.**

IF YOU'RE HEARING THIS ACCOUNT FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU MIGHT BE THINKING, "**WOW PETER, REALLY MESSED UP. IT'S GOOD FOR HIM.**"

! THERE IS AN **IMPORTANT** DETAIL ABOUT **PETER** AND HIS DISCIPLESHIP FAILURE THAT IS ONLY FOUND IN MARK 16 :7.

THE YOUNG MAN AT THE TOMB SAYS TO THE WOMEN ——

THAT PHRASE **"AND PETER"**

IS ONE OF THE MOST HOPEFUL PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE.

IT'S LIKE THE YOUNG MAN SAYS, "YOU'RE STILL ON THE TEAM PETER. YOU'RE NOT OUT!"

DON'T WE LOVE THAT MESSAGE. EVEN THOUGH THE DISCIPLES FAIL, **JESUS IS STILL** REACHING OUT TO THEM.

POINTS TO PONDER

WHEN **WE FAIL** DO WE THROW **OUR ARMS UP** IN FRUSTRATION AND DESPAIR?

WHEN **JESUS** SEES US FAIL, DOES HE EXTEND **HIS ARMS OUT** IN MERCY, LOVE AND HOPE?

WHAT A MESSAGE OF HOPE

FOR US AS DISCIPLES WHO WHAT NOT ALWAYS BE LIVING UP TO WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.

THIS IS ALSO A HELPFUL MESSAGE AS WE THINK ABOUT LOVED ONES. PERHAPS SOMEBODY WE LOVE IS SUFFERING FOR THE DISCIPLINES, OR EVEN APPEARS TO BE JOINING THE TEAM OPPOSED TO CHRIST.

WE CAN **BE PATIENT AND HOPEFUL. CHRIST HAS HELPED MANY FAILING DISCIPLES.**

JESUS'S OWN DISCIPLES LET HIM DOWN. BUT JESUS STILL LOVED THEM AND FORGAVE THEM.

WE CAN FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.

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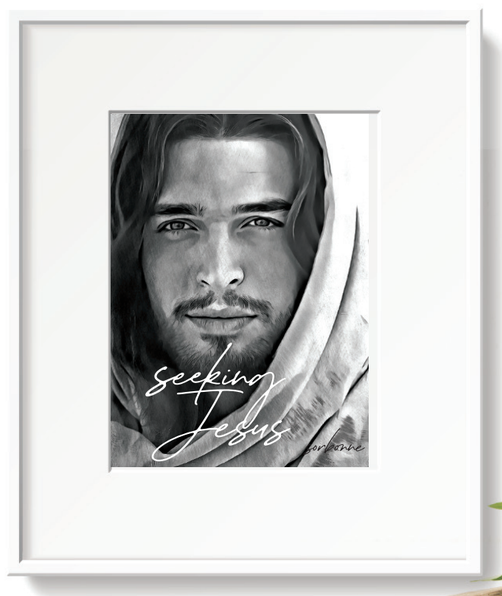
THE PRINTABLES HELP BRING THE PRINCIPLES SHARED IN EACH CLASS INTO YOUR hearts and homes.

WE HOPE THAT AS YOU DISPLAY THEM, THEY WILL REMIND YOU TO PRAY AND ASK THAT THE HOLY GHOST HELP BRING THESE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FORTH WITHIN YOU, AND WITHIN YOUR FAMILY.

PRAYING AND ASKING TO POSSESS THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS, IS AS IMPORTANT AS TRYING TO PRACTICE AND LIVE THE PRINCIPLES.

AS YOU STUDY THIS CLASS AND THE PRINCIPLES, YOU WILL NOT ONLY SEEK JESUS YOU WILL FIND HIM, BECAUSE YOU'RE STRIVING TO POSSESS HIS PRINCIPLES AND BECOME LIKE HIM.



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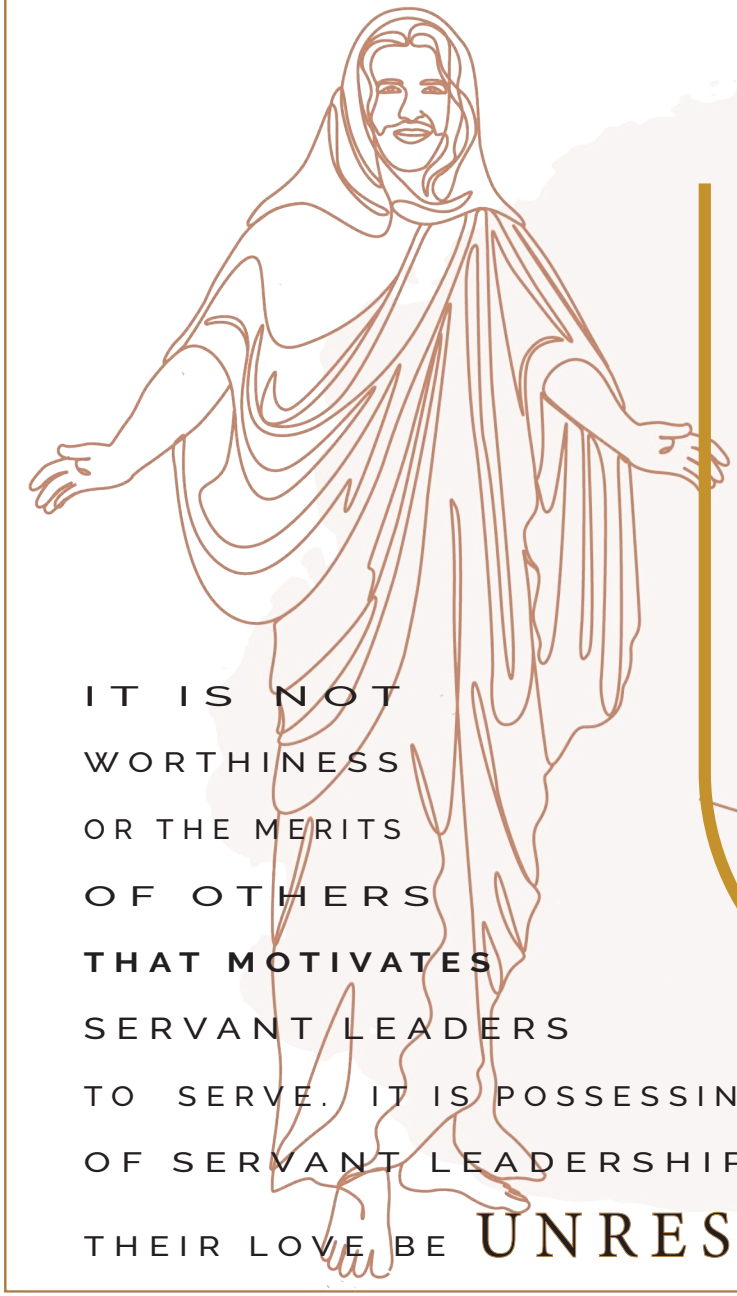

A SERVANT LEADER'S

LOVE IS

- UNSELFISH
- UNCHANGING
- UNCONDITIONAL
- UNENDING

IT IS NOT WORTHINESS OR THE MERITS OF OTHERS **THAT MOTIVATES** SERVANT LEADERS TO SERVE. IT IS POSSESSING THE PRINCIPLE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP WHICH HELPS THEIR LOVE BE **UNRESTRAINED.**

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LIKEN THE PRINCIPLE

FROM **HIS** STORY

AND APPLY IT TO A PAGE IN **YOUR** STORY

ONE LESSON WE LEARN FROM THE SAVIOR'S SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS THE **IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY** AS WE LEAD OUT AT HOME, AT WORK, OR AS WE MINISTER.

LIKEN THE PRINCIPLE: **KNOW WHAT A SERVANT LEADER LOOKS LIKE AND ACTS LIKE...**

✓	IS HUMBLE . IS FLEXIBLE. IS EMPATHETIC. IS PATIENT.
✓	IS NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH PERSONAL VISIBILITY OR RECOGNITION.
✓	SEEKS THE HIGHEST JOY / GREATEST SUCCESS FOR THOSE THEY SERVE.
✓	DOES NOT PROMOTE HIMSELF OR SEEK TO DO THEIR OWN WILL.
✓	SERVES ALL WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF INTENSITY REGARDLESS OF IF THAT PERSON CAN EVER DO ANYTHING FOR THEM IN RETURN.

A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

TO CHART YOUR **DEGREE OF GROWTH** IN POSSESSING

PRINCIPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

LIKEN THE PRINCIPLES . APPLY THEM TO YOUR STORY . **GROW IN HIS PRINCIPLES**

THE PRINCIPLES HELP US INCREASE IN OUR PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE AS WE STRIVE TO POSSESS THEM WE BECOME MORE LIKE HIM.

THE PRINCIPLES SHARED IN THIS CLASS...

PRINCIPLES

DO I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLE?		TO WHAT DEGREE DO I POSSESS THE PRINCIPLE?			DO I FREQUENTLY PRAY & ASK GOD FOR THE HOLY GHOST TO HELP ME GROW IN THE PRINCIPLE.	RECORD PROMPTINGS AND INSPIRATION ON HOW TO PRACTICE BRINGING FORTH THE PRINCIPLE. RECORD TIMES I DID ACT UPON THE PRINCIPLE.
✓	SERVANT LEADERSHIP BY WASHING THE FEET OF HIS DISCIPLES, JESUS TEACHES US THAT HIS WAY OF LEADERSHIP IS UNIQUELY DIFFERENT FROM THE SELF-SEEKING AND SELF-PROMOTING LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD. LEAD, BY SERVING OTHERS MORE.	SEED/SPROUT STAGE	STRIVING & THRIVING STAGE	FIRMLY ROOTED STAGE	✓	
✓	GOING FORTH IN FAITH JESUS PRESSES FORWARD WITH FAITH AS HE FACES THE PAIN AND SORROWS OF MORTALITY-**HE ENDURES TO THE END.**	SEED/SPROUT STAGE	STRIVING & THRIVING STAGE	FIRMLY ROOTED STAGE	✓	

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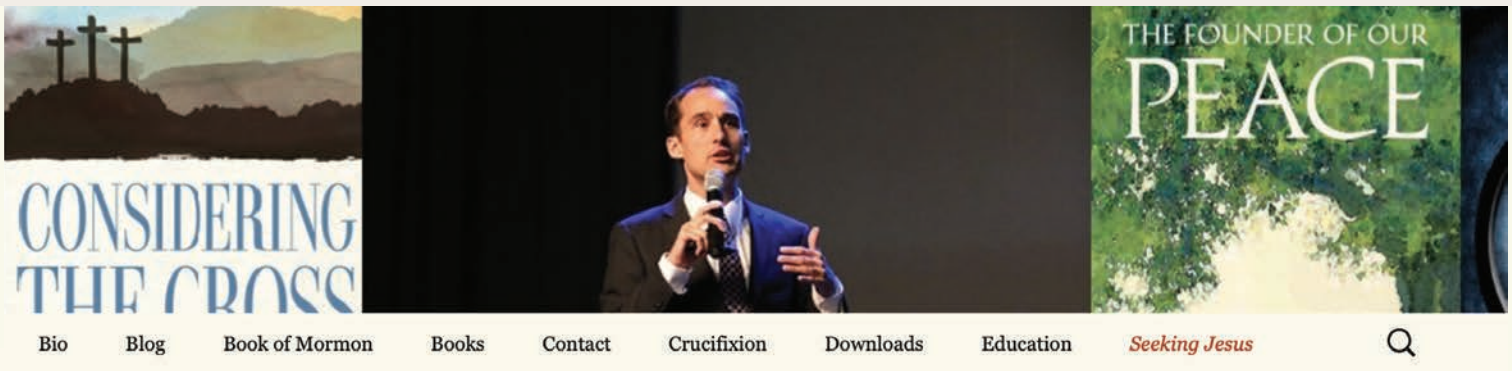

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