

Living Word Fellowship Church
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Evening Bible Study

SUBJECT: Finding My Way

Introduction

This year's Church theme has been centered around: **Light in Truth**. I know that some days we face challenges, shortcomings, discouragements, and doubtful disbelief. As a result, they influence our decisions and exacerbate our fear, elevate concerns, and quench our hope. But the scripture says count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations (**James 1:2**).

***Mark 8:34-37:** And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

I want to talk this evening on the subject: **Finding My Way**.

Mark's Gospel is one of the three synoptic gospels. Mark, as do Mathew and Luke, which present similar material about the life of Jesus Christ. Synoptic is a term, Dr. Johann Jakob Griesbach coined in 1776. Textual critic. Mark or John Mark, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on early missionary journeys, Gospel unfolds the dual focus of Christ as the Son of Man, life service, and sacrifice. Mark's gospel describes Jesus as the Servant on the move. (**Mark 10:45**) *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.* (Nelson, 2003).

The Journey

Our Journey in Life to find our way is a phenomenon that's filled with uncertainties and ambiguities related to living, sustaining, surviving, and Godly living.

James Dobson wrote in his book “The Journey Home” that, in his dying days, “he found a new, glorious opportunity to enjoy the presence and power of God.”

“He wrote, there are three important questions to ask ourselves: 1) Am I ready now to surrender control of my life to Christ? 2) Am I ready now to confess my sins, and 3) Do I sincerely desire to be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit? **“God provides in What God Permits!”**

In this text, Jesus points out three things a person must intentionally do to find their way.

- **Think** like him and deny yourself Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden a field, and when he found it for joy, he went and sold all he had and bought the field
- **Behave** like Jesus and take up our cross, Luke 9:23 says take up your cross daily.
- **Act** like Jesus he said follow him.

Conclusion

As we find our way, God’s plan of salvation includes **Redemption**, **Reconciliation**, and **Sanctification**. In our journey, we are transformed from justification to sanctification, we must learn to love and trust God. The bible reminds us that Abraham believed God, and it was counted for righteousness (Romans 4:3, Genesis 15:6). At the early point of salvation (John 3:16 and Romans 10:9), we are justified because we believe in Christ. Our justification from the righteousness of Christ through faith allows our performed righteousness (sanctification) to serve as evidence of the authenticity of our faith, which unites us to Christ.

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