

The Gospel of Mark
Servant Is More than Just a Title
Mark 1:29-34

We are busy people. We saturate our schedules with necessary things of life: work, home maintenance, spouse time, children's activities, civic groups, and the list goes on. We have created an environment that requires us to burn the candle at both ends. Often we find ourselves drained and in a position of needing care because we just don't seem to have enough energy left to extend care. There are times when we want to be served rather than serve.

1. Jesus served the whole family.
2. Jesus served the whole city.
3. Jesus served the whole world.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." – Jesus

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Paul reminds us that when we are feeling weakened and drained by the routine and responsibilities of life that we can take pleasure in knowing that the power of Christ may rest upon us. Jesus extends His compassion to us in our moments of weakness so that we can say with Paul, "For when I am weak, then I am strong."

For further consideration:

When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, He didn't use any spells, incantations, or rituals. It looked nothing like the production on display by some television faith-healers. What does that tell you about Jesus' power and authority? What does it say about real kingdom power compared with man-made, manipulative, and made-up displays of false kingdom power? In what way is physical healing temporary? In what way is it eternal and permanent? If physical healing in this life is only temporary, why do you think Jesus bothered with it at all? What kind of Messiah were the Jewish people looking for in Jesus' day? How does relegating Jesus to a political deliverer or a physical healer fail to tell the whole story?