MARK: A New Authority 3.2.08

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 "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." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 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." 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. Mark 1:21-28 ESV

P: Jesus has a unique authority above all other spiritual authorities.

Am I living as if Jesus is the supreme authority in my life? If not, what changes do I need to make to make that an 'actual' reality?

29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. Mark 1:29-34 ESV

P: Jesus has authority over sickness.

Do I turn to Jesus when there is sickness in my family?

Bible Interpretation Help We See Often Today and In the Bible:

1. Primary Point: Mark includes this to show us Jesus' authority over sickness.
2. Secondary Point: There is also a profound truth here about serving Jesus.

P: She, and we, were saved to serve.

Am I living as someone who has been saved to serve? If not, what step can I take in this direction?

40 And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 45 But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter. Mark 1:40-45 ESV

P: Jesus is a man of unmatched compassion.

P: Jesus has a heart for the outcast—His people should as well.

Do I have a heart for the outcast like Jesus did? If not, what needs to change?

P: Healing is often preceded by faith and humility.

When I need healing, is this how I approach Jesus? If not, what needs to change about my approac More faith? More humility?

*O: Sometimes disobedience can hinder Jesus' movement.

In what areas of my life am I being disobedient to Jesus and potentially hindering His movement?

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 A many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 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. 5 And when Je saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scri were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, t up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth forgive sins"- he said to the paralytic- 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were al amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" Mark 2:1-12 ESV

P: Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

Have I had my sins forgive by Jesus? Am I in the habit of having my sins forgiven by Jesus?

*O: We can have the right answers and entirely miss the point.

Are there any areas of my life where this is the case?

P: Just like the paralytic's friends cared enough to bring their friend to Jesus, we need to care enough to bring our friends t Jesus too.

Who are the men/women/boys/girls in your life that need to be brought to Jesus? To Crossing? What is the next step you need to take in seeing this happen? We are moving forward as a church

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