

An abstract painting with a textured surface. The upper portion is dominated by various shades of blue, from deep indigo to lighter, almost white highlights, with some reddish-brown streaks. The lower portion is a rich, warm brown with golden-yellow highlights, suggesting a sunset or a landscape. The overall effect is one of depth and movement, with visible brushstrokes and layered colors.

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The Servant King



The story of the **King**... who came to **serve**.

Mark 1:35-45

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1. His Prayer life demonstrated...

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

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1. His Prayer life demonstrated:

a. An **AUTHENTIC** Connection to God.

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1. His Prayer life demonstrated:

b. His **RELIANCE** on His Father.

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1. His Prayer life demonstrated:

c. His **DESIRE** to do His Fathers will.

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2. His friends
reaction...

a. ...They had their
own **agenda** for
Jesus!

Mark 1:37

and when they
found him, they
exclaimed:
“Everyone is
looking for
you!”

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Key #1

If we "Love God" and desire to follow Him, we make spending time with Him a priority!

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Key #2

Humility puts us in our proper place before God. Pride pushes us away from God

Mark 1:40

“If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Humility?

The Duchess of Buckingham:

"I thank your Ladyship for the information concerning these preachers. Their doctrines are most repulsive... It is monstrous to be told that you have a heart as sinful as the common lechers that crawl on the earth. This is highly offensive and insulting and I cannot but wonder that your Ladyship should relish any sentiment so much at variance with high rank and good breeding."



Lady Huntington



George Whitefield

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3. Why did Jesus heal?

a. To fulfill **messianic** expectations.

Mark 1:42

Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

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3. Why did Jesus
heal?

b. To reveal His
authority.

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3. Why did Jesus
heal?

c. Jesus came to
restore us.

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3. Why did Jesus heal?

d. Because God is **moved** by our pain.

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Key #3

Mark 1:41

Seeing life from God's
point of view fills us
with compassion for
others.

Filled with
compassion...

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4. Why send the healed man away?

a. Jesus didn't make up the **rules** as he went along.

Mark 1:43

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning.

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4. Why send the healed man away?

b. Jesus wanted his message to be **heard** and responded to.

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Key #4

Even thankful people can
make a mess of things!

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Reflection:

What distractions are keeping you from loving God & others?

Commit yourself to loving God & others.

Seek God in prayer & support from others.

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What distractions are keeping you from loving God & others?

- 1. Confess them.**
- 2. Commit yourself to loving God & others.**
- 3. Seek God in prayer & support from others.**

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