

Matters of the Heart - Ladies Room

The Next Steps Mark 1:29-39

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. 32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. 35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. 36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. 37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. 38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. 39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

Observation:

- From synagogue to fellowship, they entered Simon's house v.29
- Simon's mom-in-love was sick v.30
- Jesus heals her v.31
- At evening – the place of eventide, balance, etc. He healed the sic and possessed v. 32
- The whole city – not as large as New York City (what was the population count?) v. 33
- He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out demons v.34
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SHIFT

- Now Jesus goes out alone to pray v. 35
- They searched for him and found him v. 36-37

VERSE 38

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Notes: In Jesus' time of solitary prayer

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- He is submitting to the Father
- He has praised the Father – this was included in the practice of prayer
- He has accepted “next steps” from the Father
- He is reminded of His purpose
- The “next steps” align with His purpose.

Jesus is sensitive to the “shift” in His ministry!

Action step for us today

Stay faithful doing what you are doing according to God’s will

Stay prayerful where you are

Stay willing to “shift” to the “next steps” with a days’ notice

What most governs your life – family traditions, habits, Scripture, or a combination?

Of the three which one would you honestly say has the most governing factor?

Name 2 – 3 areas that require a greater governance of Scripture and Holy Spirit leading.

Example: how I steward money, church attendance, etc.

Prayer

Oh Lord, sometimes change is difficult and other times I become anxious about the slow pace of life and ministry. Help me to keep in step with You and follow the beautiful cadence of obedience to Your will like Jesus did. Amen