MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Mark 8:34

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

***Read Mark 3* – Jesus Heals on the Sabboth; Jesus Chooses the Twelve**

1. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. How did the Pharisees respond? Jesus also responded. He was angry. At what was Jesus angry? Why did he grieve? Does this remind you of the parable of the sower and the seeds that fell on the hard ground?
2. Jesus' family said that Jesus was "out of his mind". Have you had family members respond to your faith in Jesus in a similar manner? Watch for evidence in the gospels as some of Jesus' family came to accept Him as their Messiah. Does this give you hope for your unbelieving family?
3. What does Jesus say in verse 35? It is not blood kinship that matters but spiritual. What does it mean to have Jesus as your brother?

- **Prayer Focus:** ***Guide me to reach out in love, compassion, kindness, and gentleness, to my family members who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.***

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

***Read Mark 4*—Parables on the Kingdom of God**

1. Isaiah 6:9-10 is quoted 5 times in the New Testament. Jesus quotes it in Mark 4:10. Why does He use that verse here? How is this verse a call to a national repentance? Can a prophecy apply equally to different generations in different periods of time? Does this prophecy still apply today?
2. Where is a lamp placed in a room? How can a Christian be a lamp in today's "crooked and perverse generation?" How do we feed and grow God's light in our lives?
3. A difficulty arises in the disciples' life (the storm). Who is their focus when they ask "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" When you face difficult times, do you focus on yourself or Jesus?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me show your Light to the dark world around me***.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

***Read Mark 5* - Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man; Suffering Woman**

1. Jesus heals a very sick man, possessed by demons. How do they address Jesus? What is the difference between knowing Jesus, as did the demons, and accepting Him as your Savior? How did the healed man serve Jesus?
2. The woman with the flow of blood broke a number of ceremonial laws as she was considered as "unclean" as a leper. Even her touching Jesus made Him "unclean". How would the Pharisees probably have responded? How did Jesus respond? How do we respond when confronted by today's "unclean"?
3. Jesus is a prophet, priest, and king. Jesus shows us, by the resurrection of Jairus' daughter, that as King in the Kingdom of Heaven, He has power over sin, sickness, and even death. Why doesn't everybody accept Him as their King?

- **Prayer:** ***Let me be grateful for your authority even over death.***

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

***Read Mark 6* – Jesus Rejected; John the Baptists' Death; Jesus Feeds 5000; Jesus Walks on Water**

1. Although the people of Nazareth recognized the wisdom of Jesus' teaching, how did they respond? What adage did Jesus speak to them? What were the results of their unbelief?
2. Jesus called His twelve disciples and gave them His authority to preach, heal, and cast out demons. What is their proper title now?
3. Why was Herod holding John in prison? What kept Herod from revoking his rash promise? What wiles did Salome use to "seduce" Herod? Why did Herodias hate John so much? What are some similarities to our current culture and its response to God's message?

- **Prayer Focus:** ***Keep my feet on your narrow path.***

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

***Read Mark 7* – Jesus Teaches; Faith of a Gentile Woman; Jesus Heals a Deaf Man**

1. Jesus says that the teachers of the Law have twisted it to their own advantage. What is His example? What does Jesus say is the source of our defilement?
2. Jesus calls a woman a dog. Is this an insult? What was her response? How does this contrast with today's "entitlement" mentality?
3. There is a prophecy in Isaiah (35v 5) that the "eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped". Do you see fulfillment of this prophecy in Mark 7:31-37? After our reading of Matthew, is it easier to see the fulfillment of the OT prophecy in Jesus and His ministry?

- **Prayer:** ***Purify my heart so that all I say and all I do is filled with your love.***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

***Read Mark 8* – Jesus Feeds 4000; Jesus Confronts the Pharisees; Jesus Heals Blind Man; Jesus Predicts His Death**

1. Pharisees once again ask (demand?) for a sign. What was the objective of their aggressive and antagonistic questioning of Jesus? What sign does Jesus give them?
2. How much leaven does it take to turn unleavened bread into leavened bread? Do you think that false teachers in the Christian community can also have the same impact? The original creeds were formulated to stop the spread of "leaven" in the early church. Do they still work today?
3. Jesus healed the blind man in two stages. It was a process. This shows that sometimes our "faith sight" takes a process to become one of clear vision. Witness Peter's confession in Mark 8:29.

- **Prayer:** ***Let me clearly see that "You are the Christ".***