

BA Study Guide: Mark 1–4

Becoming Dangerous Men of God

Battle Cry for the Day:

"Authority is not about dominance—it's about obedience to the One True King."

CHAPTER OVERVIEW

Mark 1 – The Masculine Mission Begins

- **Key Verse:** Mark 1:17 – “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
- **Summary:** Jesus bursts onto the scene, preaching, calling disciples, healing, and casting out demons. No hesitation.
- **Masculine Application:** Obedience requires action. Masculinity in Christ is marked by *urgency, initiative, and conviction*. Jesus calls men who are ready to leave their nets—whatever they may be.

Reflection: What “nets” do you need to drop today to follow Jesus more fully?

Mark 2 – Masculine Mercy Meets Legalism

- **Key Verse:** Mark 2:17 – “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”
- **Summary:** Jesus forgives sin, eats with outcasts, and defies religious expectations.
- **Masculine Application:** Real men walk in mercy, not just muscle. True spiritual authority means standing for grace **even when it's unpopular**.

Reflection: Where in your life is mercy needed more than judgment?

Mark 3 – Brotherhood & Spiritual Battle

- **Key Verse:** Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”
- **Summary:** Jesus appoints the Twelve, confronts demonic opposition, and redefines family.
- **Masculine Application:** Brotherhood is chosen in **obedience**, not just bloodline. A man's circle must reflect his **calling**, not his comfort.

Reflection: Who are you allowing into your foxhole? Do they sharpen you or soften you?

Mark 4 – Leading Through Listening

- **Key Verse:** Mark 4:20 – “Those...who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit.”
- **Summary:** Parables about the kingdom, a storm calmed by Jesus' command, and a call to listen well.
- **Masculine Application:** Masculine maturity is marked by *fruitfulness*, which starts with *listening*. Men lead best when they listen first—to God and others.

Reflection: Are you the kind of man who hears and acts—or one who hears and hides?

Three Steel Truths

1. Brotherhood Sharpening Tip – “Armor Inspection”

Ask one brother this week:

“What storm are you hiding from?”

Then pray for him and help him stand firm.

2. Field Talk Tip – “Work Like a Witness”

Let your job site be your mission field. Bring honor, consistency, and integrity.

Be known for showing up **early**, working **hard**, and speaking **truth**.

3. Caveman Discipline – “First Word”

Before the news, before the gym, before the grind—get in the Word.

5 verses before 5 notifications. Make God’s Word your *first feed* every day.

Call to Action

Pick **one command from Jesus** in these chapters and obey it *immediately* this week. Write it down, share it with a brother, and live it out.

Obedience is the gym of godliness. Start lifting the weight.

Discussion Questions

1. What part of Jesus’ mission in Mark 1 challenges your current comfort zone?
2. How can we be both strong and merciful like Jesus in Mark 2?
3. Who’s currently in your inner circle (Mark 3)? Are they pushing you toward or away from your calling?
4. Which “soil” do you relate to most in Mark 4? How can you become more fruitful?
5. Where do you need to lead by listening better?

Memory Verses (1 per chapter)

- **Mark 1:17** – “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
- **Mark 2:17** – “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”
- **Mark 3:35** – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother...”
- **Mark 4:20** – “They hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit...”

Final Word

“Real men don’t just lead with their voice—they lead with their obedience. Christ called, taught, healed, battled, and bled. That’s the model. Go and do likewise.”

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This isn’t just Bible study—it’s battlefield prep.

