

## Deeper Life Notes

*Jesus Serves: "Serving through Difficulty" (Mark 6:1-56)*

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### WARM UP

Have you experienced difficulties while serving God & others - and wanted to quit?  
How have you handled those situations?

### REVIEW

*Last week we discovered how Jesus calms storms, casts out demons, cures sickness, & raises the dead. These 4 miracles in Mark 4:35-5:43 invite us to know Jesus - and to know the fear of the Lord and enjoy His peace & hope in times of fear.*

### TODAY

How can we keep serving as faithful followers of Jesus when we face difficulty?

### READ

Mark 6:1-56

## 4 WAYS TO KEEP SERVING THROUGH DIFFICULTY

*KEEP SERVING THROUGH DIFFICULTY BY...*

### 1. STAYING \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> (vv.1-7)

a) **Learn!** (v.1) "and His disciples followed Him"

b) **Go!** (v.7) "and He began to send them out two by two"

c) **Persevere!** (v.6) "and He went about among the villages teaching"

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

- Mark 1:15

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<sup>1</sup> FOCUSED

## 2. EXPECTING \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>

a) **Where/When?** *Challenges will be here, there, and everywhere!*

- at home
- away from home
- during transitional times

b) **What?** *Challenges may include:*

- exhaustion
- grief/loss
- confusion
- disappointment

## 3. AVOIDING A \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> HEART

a) **Don't let** Familiarity breed Contempt (vv.3-4)

b) **Hear** and **Heed** God's Truth (vv.14-29) *see also Hebrews 3:12-13*

c) **Resist** Resentment (vv.30-56)

- *Keep moving forward (vv.6b,11,36-37)*
- *Count on Jesus' patience*
- *Wait on God when life's circumstances are obscure*

## 4. ENJOYING GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>

a) **Hear** Jesus' words (v.50b)

b) **See** His Character & capabilities (v.49)

c) **Welcome** His presence (v.51)

d) **Invite** Him to change your heart (v.52)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. - Psalm 51:10  
Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! - Psalm 139:23*

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<sup>2</sup> CHALLENGES

<sup>3</sup> HARD

<sup>4</sup> PRESENCE