

Series: The Ultimate
Message: Introduction
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10
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Mark 8:31-35

- 31 *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*
- 32 *And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.*
- 33 *But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."*
- 34 *And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*
- 35 *"For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.*

Mark 9:30-35

- 30 *And from there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know about it.*
- 31 *For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."*
- 32 *But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.*
- 33 *And they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"*
- 34 *But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.*
- 35 *And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."*

John 13:13-17

13 *"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.*

14 *"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

15 *"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.*

16 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master; neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.*

17 *"If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

Luke 22:24-27

24 *And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.*

25 *And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'*

26 *"But not so with you, but let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.*

27 *"For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

Ephesians 2:10

10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

1. How broken?**Ephesians 2:1-3**

1 *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,*

2 *in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

3 *Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

2. How fixed?

Ephesians 2:4-6

*4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,*

3. Why fixed?**Ephesians 2:7**

7 in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:10

10 in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

Isaiah 5:16

16 But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Philippians 2:10-11

*10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,
11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Ephes. 2:8-9

*8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.*

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.