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INTRODUCTION

*"He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
(Mark 7:37b)*

Note: Mark primarily wrote this gospel for a Roman audience, a Gentile audience. He wants his readers to clearly see and understand Jesus' love and compassion for all people!

(Psalm 67:3-4; Colossians 1:28-29; Mark 8:19-21)

Note: Jesus is abundantly compassionate and completely sufficient (for Jew and Gentile!), yet the stubborn, hardened, unbelieving heart will always find an excuse to reject Him.

I. JESUS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

Mark 8:1-3 -

1) Jesus is never indifferent to the needs of those who come to Him. Jesus' compassion is not some cheap, flimsy emotion; it leads to the revealing of His grace and power!

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."
(Psalm 103:8-14)

Mark 8:4-9 -

2) What appears to be small, weak, and useless in our hands is gloriously sufficient in Jesus' hands!

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."
(John 6:51)

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."
(2 Corinthians 12:9b)

Mark 8:10-13 -

3) The hardened, unbelieving heart will always look for excuses to reject Jesus!

"And He sighed deeply in His spirit..." (Mark 8:12a)

"There was a deep meaning in that sigh! It came from a heart which mourned over the ruin that these wicked men were bringing on their own souls. Enemies as they were, Jesus could not behold them hardening themselves in unbelief without sorrow."
(J. C. Ryle)

"I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24b)

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews 4:7b)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. As you consider Mark 6:30-44 and Mark 8:1-10, what similarities and differences do you see?
2. What is significant about the Decapolis region and Mark's intended audience?
3. How does this passage reveal both Jesus' compassion and His sufficiency?
4. Why won't Jesus give the Pharisees another sign? What do they actually need?
5. After considering this passage (Mark 8:1-13), what does God desire for you to do? How should these verses influence your faith, your thinking, your praying, and your actions?