

**Series “The SAME Jesus:
The Gospel of Mark”
“Home”
Mark 2:1-12**

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Message Notes:

- Our greatest opportunities are often hidden behind an act of personal obedience.
- Often, God reveals our spiritual calling in the common, even mundane, experiences of life, not the spectacular or once-in-a-lifetime occasions.
- There is always another door.

Consider the five different doors in this passage that are common to all of us:

Door 1: disappointment

Door 2: we have to find another door

Door 3: greatest opposition

Door 4: total obedience

Door 5: holy revelation

Jesus said, “I am the Door...” John 10:9-11 (KJV)

Further Thoughts:

Much of Jesus’ ministry in Capernaum takes place in Peter’s home. Home is an important place in the Bible. Home is defined throughout the Bible as land, gardens, tents, farms, village dwellings, temples, mansions, and ultimately heaven. According to a basic definition, home represents the person, their life, and their spiritual state. (Matthew 7:24-27, 2 Timothy 1:5)

Evident in many Bible verses, home has both a physical and spiritual meaning. We must build our homes upon a solid structural and moral foundation to ensure generational sustainability. Both Old and New Testaments provide us proper guidance for creating a good home in our lives.

Without question one of the most remarkable Christian doctrines is that Jesus Christ Himself through the presence of the Holy Spirit will actually enter a human heart, settle down and be at home there. Christ will make the human heart His home. This truly means Jesus is present in our everyday lives—not only present while we worship or when we practice our Christian living. Jesus moves into our life—full time.

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (John 14:23) It may have been difficult for the disciples to understand what He was saying. There is deep meaning for home as something that includes our history, our present and our future. The Hebrew and Greek texts give us nuances about what it truly means to shape a home and how it reflects our journey toward and with God. Home is the anchor for every society as the place of family and story. Much of our own redemption story includes experiences, circumstances and situations that originate from home.

Relationships are what make home relevant for us, whether it is in our family of origin or family of choice. What comes to mind for you as we discover that God chose to save humanity through the messiness of the family—from Abram (Genesis 11) to Jesus to you—in order to secure our eternal home in the Holy City of Revelation 22?

