

# Jesus is King | A Series through the Gospel of Mark

This Little Light of Mine

## Mark 4:21-25

And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? **22** For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. **23** If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." **24** And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. **25** For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Synopsis: Journey into the Kingdom is a journey of waking up.

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Same theme: Kingdom. And the same pattern: Head/Heart. Now he breaks the sequences down

## Seeing (confrontation)

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The Two Myths about light:

1. The light is ours
  - a. *This little light of mine.*
    - i. Lamp = Jesus<sup>1</sup> It is concealed but meant to be displayed.<sup>2</sup>  
**Jesus enlightens and reveals.**<sup>3</sup> Ultimately, through his death and resurrection.<sup>4</sup>
2. The light is always warm

Takeaway: Jesus is the light who reveals and confronts.

\*"Secret coming to light" is aggressive language!  
This is LOVE. Jesus is King.

## Listening (acceptance)

"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 4:23)

A different kind of hearing. Last week we saw a continual wholehearted hearing.

Here we see the journey and struggle (5 stages of grief)

Maybe right now you feel defensive. That's part of the struggle! It's ok. Press in. Journey into the Kingdom is a journey of waking up.

## Paying Attention (commitment)

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<sup>1</sup> Stein. 224

<sup>2</sup> Witherington. 169

<sup>3</sup> Edwards. 140

<sup>4</sup> Stein. 225

and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (Mark 4:24-25)

In this parable, we see a gritty kind of hearing. One that will not let go.

Grit: responsibility & commitment.<sup>5</sup>

**The woman with the issue of blood.**

As I open up more to see God in XYZ (challenges), more freedom will be given.

Where in your life is Jesus wanting to shine a light? Where have you been guarded?

Confession is the key to freedom.

Confession (in Christianity) is less about loading up on shame, and more about tangibly inviting God into our shame to heal us.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

How?

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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<sup>5</sup> Edwards. "Those who knock until the door is opened will get in." 141