

JESUS UNDER PRESSURE

MARK 10:46--11:25

Christlike character qualities that surface under extreme pressure:

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Mark 10:46-52
See also Mark 1:40-42

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Mark 11:1-11
See also 2 Kings 9:13; Psalm 8:1-2; 118:22-26; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:10-16

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Mark 11:12-19
See also Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11; Malachi 3:1-2; John 2:17

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Mark 11:20-26
See also Psalm 66:18; Mark 9:23; John 14:13-14; 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. When was the last time you were under extreme pressure? What did that pressure reveal about your true character—good and bad?
2. Read Mark 10:46-52. Have you ever seen a display of compassion by someone who was under severe personal stress? What can you learn from that person's example? How can you keep an outward focus in the midst of overwhelming circumstances?
3. Read Mark 11:1-11. When was the last time you were challenged to display obedience to God in a hostile setting? How did you respond to that opportunity? How can you prepare yourself for the next such opportunity?
4. Read Mark 11:12-19. How would you grade your zeal for righteousness (A-F)? What recent real-life situations tested your zeal?
5. Read Mark 11:20-26. What does real faith look like, according to Jesus' teaching in this passage? What situation are you facing right now in which you need to exercise Christlike faith?