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Engaging the hard-hitting, life-giving teaching of Jesus

Mark's Gospel, chapter 10

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I. Jesus' 'no-win' situation

1. How does Jesus deal with this 'no-win' situation?
2. What does Mark want me to hear ...
In my situation?

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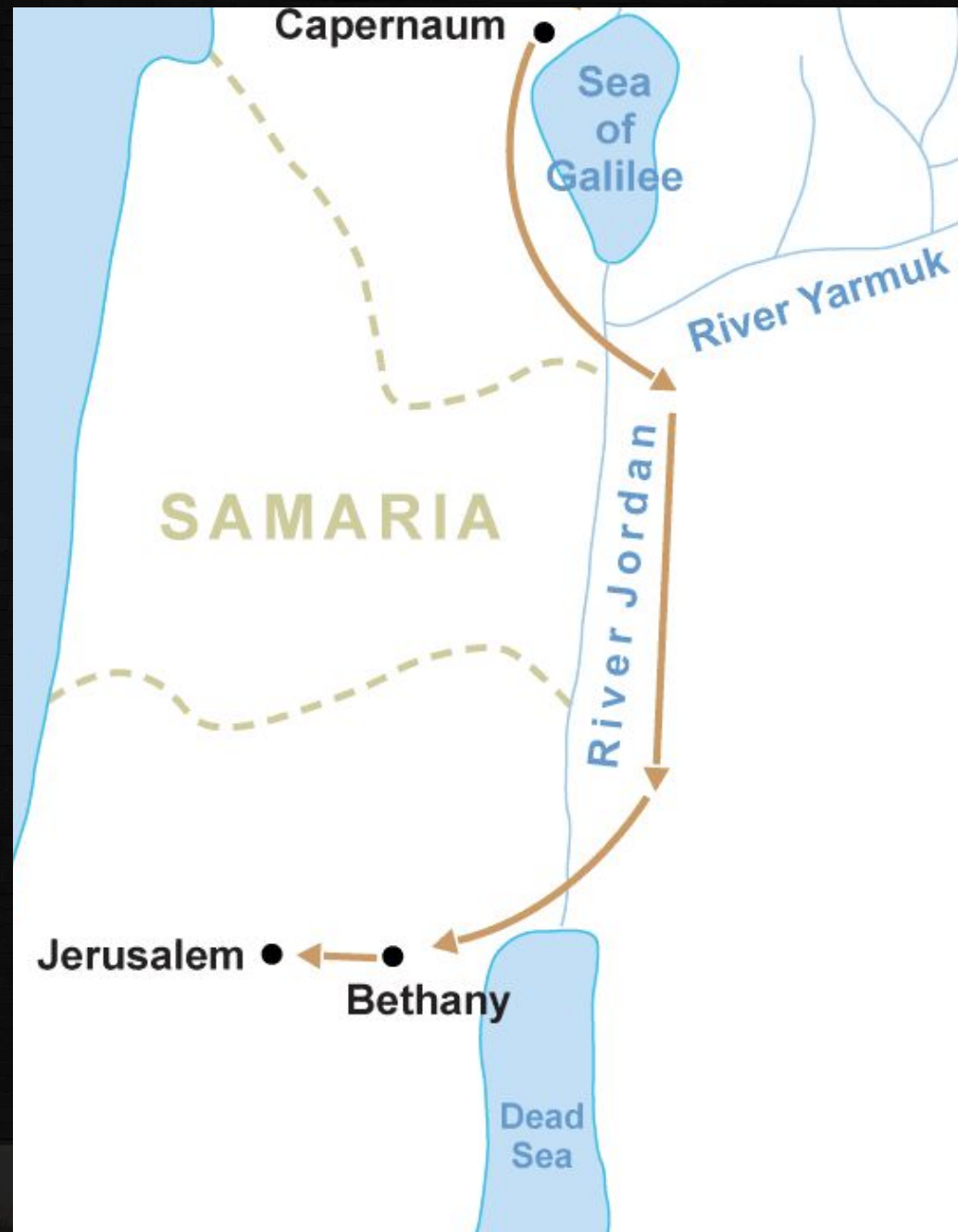
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Jesus: *“What did Moses command you?”*

I. Jesus' 'no-win' situation

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female ...”

I. Jesus' 'no-win' situation

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh ...”

II. How to divorce-proof marriage

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Leverage your situation to look at and live in the vision

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*When you're looking at the vision, it's
hard to see a way out*

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*Leverage your situation to
grow as a 'disciple' of Jesus*

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- 8:34 – *Deny self ... Die to self*

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- *9:35 – Be last to be first ...
servant of all*

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- 9:49-50 – turning “judging” fire into “purifying” fire

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What if the purpose of marriage is not to make me happy, but to make me holy?

II. How to divorce-proof marriage

*Fight for the relationship, not against
it ...*

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it ...*

Fight to win, not to lose

III. How to choose well ...

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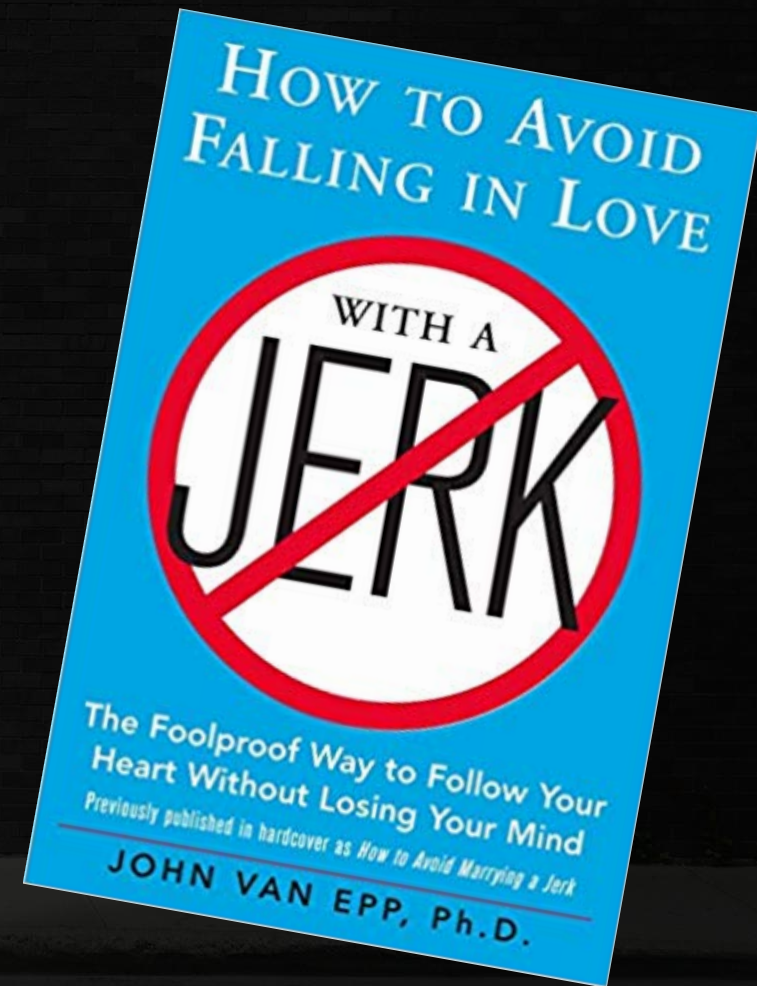
And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best ...

III. How to choose well ...

True love ...

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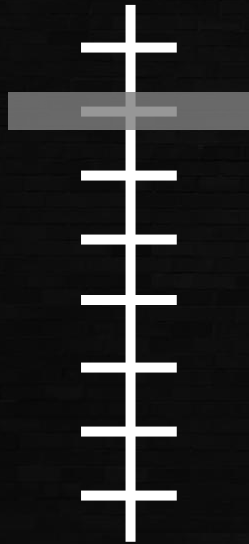
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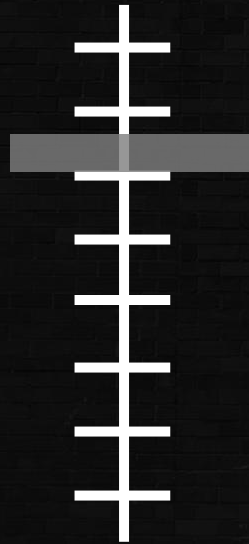
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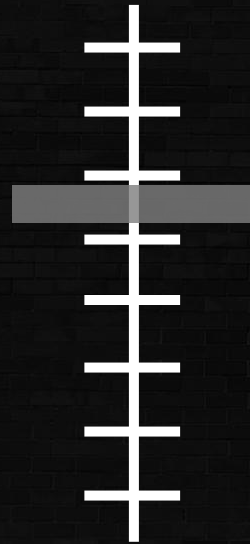
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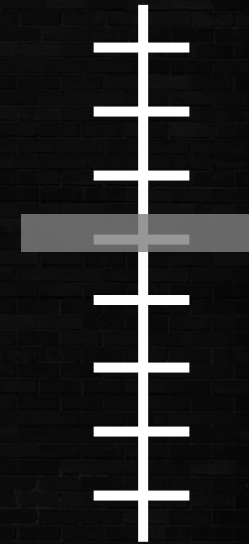
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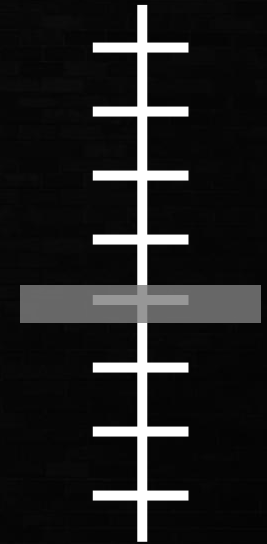
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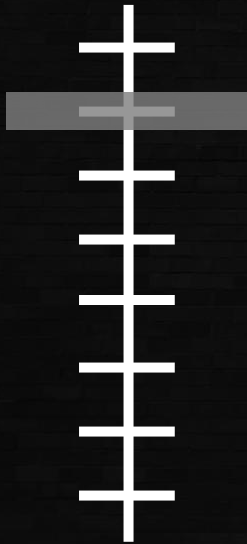
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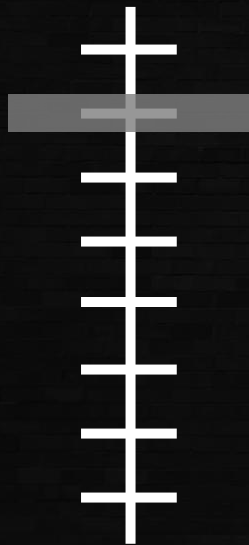
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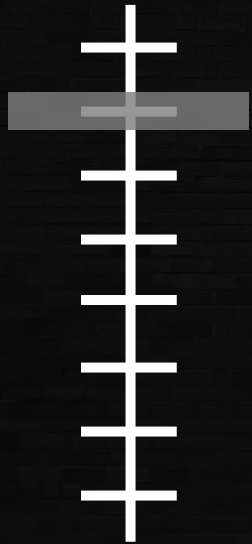


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- Comparability
- Chemistry

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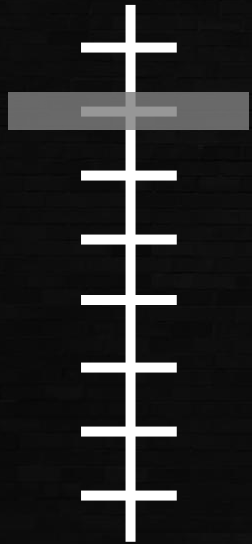
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Am I becoming a better person ...?

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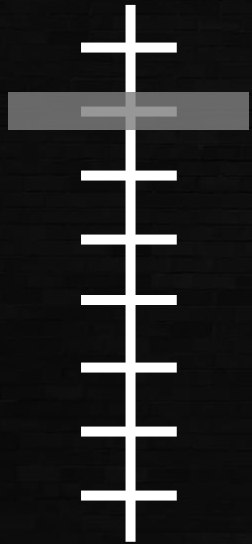
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Am I being empowered or devoured?

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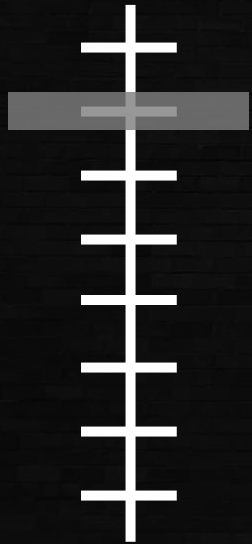
Are my differences

admired & appreciated?

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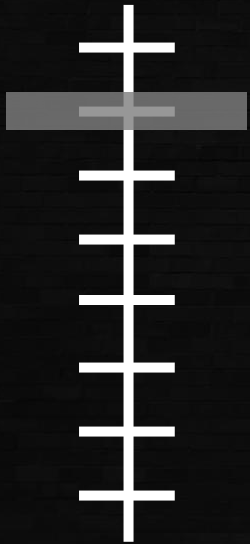
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Am we becoming more alike ... is that good?

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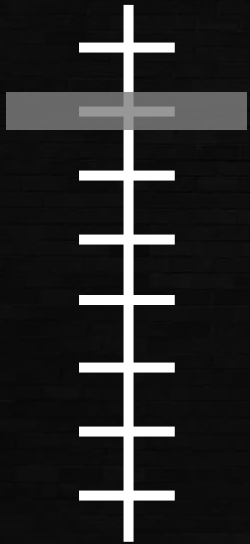


- Comparability
Personalities

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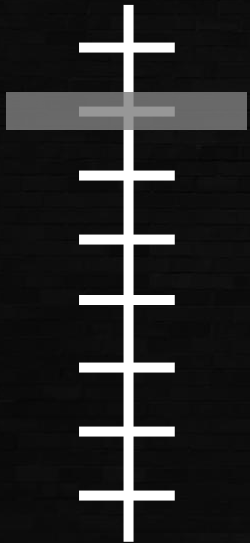


- Comparability
Thinking styles

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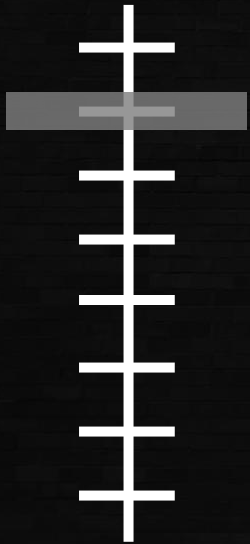


- Comparability
Sense of humor

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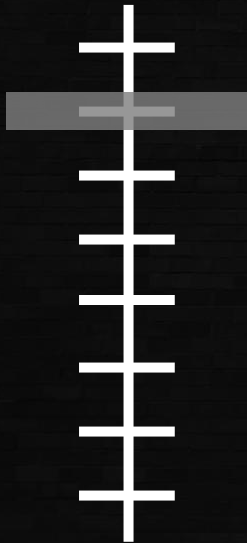
- Comparability

*Values ... family, faith,
parenting*

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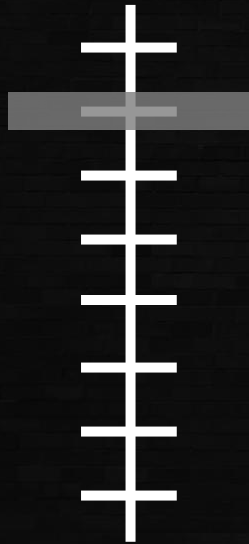


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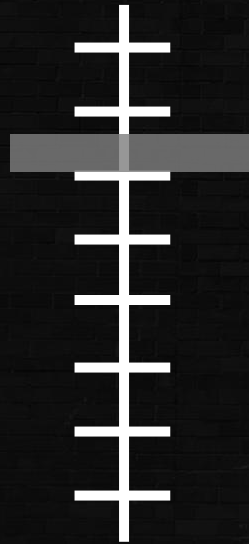
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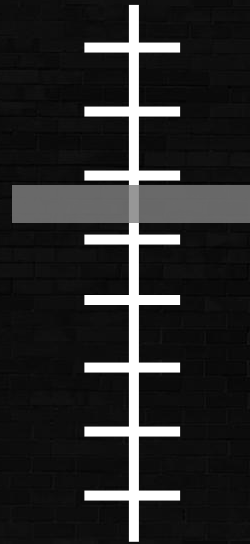
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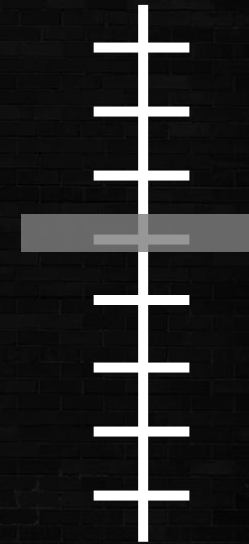
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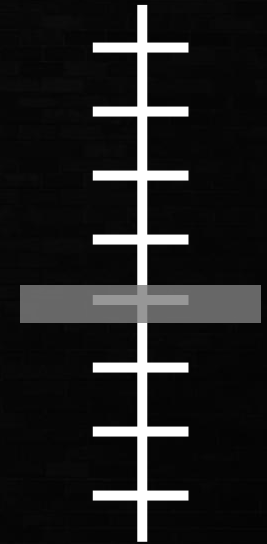
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Living past failure ...

I tell you the truth, people will be forgiven for all sins, even all the blasphemies they utter

Living past failure ...

Follow faithfully ...

Choose wisely ...

Love fully

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