

## **Mark 1:1-8**

“Don’t get too comfortable...”



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## Luke 3:7–8 ESV

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

# The Big Idea- Mark 1:1-8

God sent a messenger to disrupt our human comfort, in order to point us to true comfort in Christ.

## Two ways John disrupted people's human comfort:

1. By calling for the necessity of repentance- from the wilderness!

## Two ways John disrupted people's human comfort:

2. By pointing out our “unworthiness”, that none of us can save or change ourselves.

## Mark 1:7–8 ESV

And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

## 2 Corinthians 7:10 ESV

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

## Isaiah 40:1–3 ESV

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's  
hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of  
the LORD; make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.”

## Isaiah 40:10–11 ESV

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with  
might, and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a  
shepherd; he will gather the  
lambs in his arms; he will carry  
them in his bosom, and gently  
lead those that are with young.