

Ordering the Chaos

It's human nature to
seek out that which
destroys us.

1 Corinthians 14: 33 God is not a God of **confusion**
but of **peace**.

1 Kings 18: 28 So they **shouted louder and slashed themselves** with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. 29 Midday passed, and they continued their **frantic** prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was **no response**, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Pagan gods are honored when we
live in chaos and nonstop work.

Yahweh is honored when we rest
and focus on Godly order.

Mark 1: 21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

Mark 1: 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Mark 1: 29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

Mark 1: 32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. **33** The whole town gathered at the door, **34** and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

The crowd – – working, searching,
learning, traveling, pleading,
waiting, begging, etc.

Disciples – – fishing, cleaning nets,
following, preparing, looking, etc.
(Peter's mother, John the Baptist)

Jesus – – traveling, recruiting,
teaching, preaching, performing
exorcisms, healing, training, etc.

"Immediately" (1:30, 42)

Mark 1: 40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

41 Jesus was **indignant**. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” 42 **Immediately** the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. 43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:

Mark 1: 44 “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

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Mark 1: 35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

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Before others find you
You must find God.

Mark 9: 28 “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”
29 He replied, “This kind can come out only **by**
prayer.”

Mark 1: 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

38 Jesus replied, “**Let us go somewhere else**—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” 39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

It's very difficult to see
beyond your own chaos.

Prayer is about aligning our will

to the will of God.



Are you praying **over** your
chaos or **through** it?

Philippians 4: 6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises **shape your worries into prayers**, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and **settle you down.** (MSG)

A lifestyle of prayer ensures God
will reign over your chaos

instead of your chaos reigning
over you.

Father, give me joy for
whatever brings you joy.
Break my heart for whatever
breaks your heart.
Let your kingdom come
your will be done.

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