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Mark 9:30-32 The Message

³⁰⁻³² ... He told them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive.” They didn’t know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it.

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John 13:21-25

²¹ After he said these things, Jesus became visibly upset, and then he told them why.

“One of you is going to betray me.”

²²⁻²⁵ The disciples looked around at one another, wondering who on earth he was talking about. One of the disciples, the one Jesus loved dearly, was reclining against him, his head on his shoulder. Peter motioned to him to ask who Jesus might be talking about. So, being the closest, he said, “Master, who?”

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John 16:16-20

¹⁶ “In a day or so you’re not going to see me, but then in another day or so you will see me.”

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ That stirred up a hornet’s nest of questions among the disciples: “What’s he talking about: ‘In a day or so you’re not going to see me, but then in another day or so you will see me’?”

And, 'Because I'm on my way to the Father'? What is this 'day or so'? We don't know what he's talking about."

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2 Samuel 13:15-22

¹⁵ No sooner had Amnon raped her than he hated her—an immense hatred. The hatred that he felt for her was greater than the love he'd had for her. "Get up," he said, "and get out!"

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ “Oh no, brother,” she said. “Please! This is an even worse evil than what you just did to me!”

But he wouldn't listen to her. He called for his valet. “Get rid of this woman. Get her out of my sight! And lock the door after her.” The valet threw her out and locked the door behind her.

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ She was wearing a long-sleeved gown. (That's how virgin princesses used to dress from early adolescence on.) Tamar poured ashes on her head, then she ripped the long-sleeved gown, held her head in her hands, and walked away, sobbing as she went.

²⁰ Her brother Absalom said to her, “Has your brother Amnon had his way with you? Now, my dear sister, let’s keep it quiet—a family matter. He is, after all, your brother. Don’t take this so hard.” Tamar lived in her brother Absalom’s home, bitter and desolate.

²¹⁻²² King David heard the whole story and was enraged, but he didn't discipline Amnon. David doted on him because he was his firstborn. Absalom quit speaking to Amnon—not a word, whether good or bad—because he hated him for violating his sister Tamar.

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We are present, but we do not have a
presence.

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Mark 14:32-34

³²⁻³⁴ They came to an area called Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with him. He sank into a pit of suffocating darkness. He told them, “I feel bad enough right now to die. Stay here and keep vigil with me.”

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Encourage = lend courage

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2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7 The Message

⁷ God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.



So What?

Anxiety tempts us to freeze up.



Now What?

How can I be more action-oriented?



Now What?

How is God calling me to minister this week?

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