

Lent devotions

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Mark 3:20-35([click to open link](#))

REFLECT:

Often, our lives are made up of bits and pieces of who we are. We are one person at work. Another at church. Another with friends. Yet another with our families. We've divided ourselves in so many different ways, that no one can decipher who we really are. And, better yet, we've divided ourselves so many times that we are stuck trying to put the pieces back together.

In Mark 3:20-35, we see a group of people all trying to do the same thing. Put themselves back together. That's why they've gathered to see Jesus. They've been trying to put the pieces together and it won't work. That's also why the religious leaders were so opposed to Jesus. Because He was doing something that they had failed to do – put the pieces together. By placing all eyes on Jesus – by calling him out, by making him seem to be something he's not – they take the attention away from their division. But what Jesus did was open their eyes to the brokenness, the division – and show them a new reality. One where wholeness is possible.

Amid our brokenness, our division, Jesus is the image of wholeness. Of unity. Of integrity. He does what we cannot do. He puts our houses back in order. He pieces our lives back together. He shows us an image of what life may look like by revealing the division in our lives. He shows us our crumbling houses and how to put them back together.

RESPOND:

Is it hard for you to look at the division in your life? Why or why not? How can you acknowledge what is broken in your life? Take some time today to acknowledge the brokenness. Once you have acknowledged the areas where you may be divided, spend some time in prayer turning these things over to Jesus and asking Him for help in repairing what has crumbled.