

Mark 10:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Analysis

Jesus answered said Verily I say unto you no man has left house brethren sisters father mother wife children lands for my sake gospel. Verily amēn solemn affirmation. Left aphēken abandoned. House oikian home. List relationships family ties. Wife gynaika spouse. Lands agrouse property. For my sake heneken emou because of Christ. Gospel euangelion good news. Sacrifices for Christ kingdom will be rewarded. Not salvation by works but demonstrating faith priority. Giving up temporal for eternal. Reformed theology affirms all who come to Christ experience some level of loss persecution from world.

Historical Context

Discipleship costs. May require leaving family if they oppose faith. Early Christians faced this Jewish converts disowned pagan converts rejected. Modern contexts Islamic Hindu Buddhist backgrounds converting brings persecution loss. Not that Christ destroys families but that following Him is supreme priority. Luke 14:26 hate father mother. Not literal hate but prioritize Christ above family. Reformation martyrs left families faced death. Modern comfortable Christianity rarely experiences this but principle stands. Christ is Lord supreme allegiance.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does list of relationships property left for Christ teach about cost of discipleship?
2. How should believers balance honoring family with supreme allegiance to Christ when conflict arises?

Interlinear Text

ἀποκριθεὶς	δὲ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	Ἀμὴν	λέγω	ὕμῖν	
answered	And	G3588	Jesus	and said	Verily	I say	unto you	
G611	G1161		G2424	G2036	G281	G3004	G5213	
οὐδεὶς	ἐστὶν	ὃς	ἀφῆκεν	οἰκίαν	ἢ	ἀδελφοὺς	ἢ	
no man	There is	that	hath left	house	or	brethren	or	
G3762	G2076	G3739	G863	G3614	G2228	G80	G2228	
ἀδελφὰς	ἢ	πατέρα	ἢ	μητέρα	ἢ	γυναῖκα,	ἢ	τέκνα
sisters	or	father	or	mother	or	wife	or	children
G79	G2228	G3962	G2228	G3384	G2228	G1135	G2228	G5043
ἢ	ἀγροὺς	ἕνεκεν	ἐμοῦ	καὶ	τοῦ	εὐαγγελίου		
or	lands	sake	for my	and	G3588	the gospel's		
G2228	G68	G1752	G1700	G2532		G2098		

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 9:23 (Parallel theme): And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

Mark 8:35 (Parallel theme): For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Revelation 2:3 (Parallel theme): And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Matthew 10:18 (Parallel theme): And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

Genesis 45:20 (Parallel theme): Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's.

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