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Reflection #4

1. Why do the authors state that “In Jesus Christ we see that God’s compassion can never be separated from obedience?” The reason the authors state that “ *In Jesus Christ we see that God’s compassion can never be separated from obedience?*” was because through the obedient of Jesus Christ, God’s compassion was manifested into a broken and fallen humanity.

2. How and where does Mark’s gospel provide insight in the movement that exists between intimate listening and compassionate action? The chapter in Mark’s gospel that provides insight in the movement that exists between intimate listening and compassionate action is found in *Mark 1:35* , where Jesus went on his own to a lonely place to pray. Afterwards, his disciples came and Jesus then directed them on what to do because he had gotten directions from his father.

3. What do the authors say about the “will of God” as it relates to our relationship with God and being in the world? What I understood that the authors say about the will of God was that we are called to obey God no matter the circumstance. In this world, we would suffer but when we find ourselves doing the will of God, we will learn how to stop worrying about our life and obey what he is asking from us. The author said it best when he stated that “ much of our inner restlessness, nervousness, and tension is connected with our worries about the unknown future”.