

Why Do You Call Me Good?

[Mark 10:18](#)

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**Will you still call him good
when things aren't good?**

[Mark 10:17-22 \(ESV\)](#), And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "**Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.** ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "**You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.**" ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Why do "you" call him good?

In what ways or in what areas of your life has he been "good" to you?

Bart Mallard, singer for the band MercyMe, wrote the song "Even If" to express how he felt after learning of his son's Type 1 Diabetes diagnosis:

*They say sometimes you win some
Sometimes you lose some
And right now I'm losing bad*

*I know You're able
And I know You can
Save through the fire
With Your mighty hand
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone*

Jesus told us in [John 16:33](#) that in this life we will have trouble:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Jesus also told us in [Matthew 7:13-14](#) that the gate is narrow and the path difficult that leads to eternal life:

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Will you still call Jesus good if:

- Someone you love is diagnosed with an incurable illness?
- You are passed over for a promotion at work?
- You get let go from your job?
- Someone you love suddenly passes away?
- Your car gets totaled?
- The bills are stacking up and they are threatening to take your home?
- You have to depend on the kindness of others to feed your family?

As disciples it is our goal to be as much like Jesus as possible. It is a daily undertaking that is not about being perfect... It's about progress.

Jesus grants us new mercies every day and still bids us to, *"Come, follow me."*

Jesus gave us His Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, to help us through the "not good" times.

Even when things aren't good, we can still trust that he is still good. He is faithful to us even when we are unfaithful to him.

Yes, this walk with Christ can be tough sometimes. But trust in his goodness and that he is in total control. He will work everything out according to his plan for your life. Just keep following him.