



# Becoming God Magnets – 1

## A Christian's Sphere of Influence

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**Scripture Readings:** Mark 1:32, Mark 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

The dictionary definition of a magnet is – a material or object that produces a magnetic field; a force that pulls on other ferromagnetic materials such as iron, and attracts or repels other magnets.

- It produces a magnetic field.
- It pulls on ferromagnetic material – elements that are highly susceptible to magnetism.
- It attracts or repels other magnets.

This week and the following two weeks I want to talk to you about these three areas:

Week 1: A Christian's sphere of influence – your magnetic field

Week 2: A Christian's active power of influence – your ability to magnetise – your pulling power

Week 3: A Christian's sustaining influence – your sustained ability to remain magnetic

What am I talking about? I'm doing a little soul searching and inviting you to do the same.

How much of an impact does my relationship with God have on the people around me?

How active and effective are we in drawing people to Christ?

How consistent are we in our relationship with God to stay effective as a change agent?

### Jesus was a magnet

He had a vast sphere of influence, he had power to influence and he sustained his influence throughout his life on earth.

Mark (chapters 1 & 2) tells us about the magnetic effect Jesus had on people.

His ministry begins with his baptism and his temptation in the wilderness; then he begins to preach.

### The effect on the disciples – those close to him

Mark 1:16,17 **And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting his net into the sea; for they were fishermen.**

## **The effect on others around him**

Mark 1:32 **At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.**

Mark 1:45 **However, he (the leper who was healed) went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.**

Mark 2:1-2 **And again He entered Capernaum after some days and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them. And He preached the word to them.**

Jesus was a magnet that had a strong magnetic field. Why?

He had **transformational encounters** with people.

Read about them in these verses:

Mark 1: verses 22, 26, 31, 34, 39, and 42 Mark 2:12

Our relationship with Christ must be a transformed like that produces transformational encounters.

### **The early church was a magnet.**

Read Acts 2:43; Acts 3:7; Acts 4:4, Acts 5:14.

The church was full of transformed lives that produced transformational encounters.

Jesus was a magnet, the disciples were magnets, the early church was a magnet – **and we are called to be God magnets.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 **But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God.**

This is my dream for all of us – transformed lives producing transformational encounters.

Jesus was a magnet; the disciples were magnets; the early church was a magnet.

Let us let God shape us into God magnets.