With all your Strength

Mk. 12:28-34

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1. Talk few minutes about this passage.
   a - Not because unfamiliar - isn't, though usually from MT. or Lk (longer text him)
   b - Not because unusual - is. Occurs in heated debate (Divorce; tax; resurr.) + post. view of scribe.
   c - Not even because of centrality - Though is.
   d - But because of neglect in church.
2. First Comm.
   a - Calls for initiative.
   b - Assumes you center of meaning, value, power.
   c - Joins love + strength. Sinews + muscle.
3 - Model in Mark's gospel.
   a - Wilderness, demons, nature, disciples, opponents, death, strong one.
   b - Opposes evil in every form. Winged lion.
4. Not presently a central force in church.
   a - attention upon weakness, problems.
   b - Notice -
      1) Prep. of min. - work w/ problems. Miss. delay. - No standing minister w/o Passion.
      2) Program life of ch. - Have problem to get attention
         Not all. Min's effect. in N. Home.
         But - Calls min. moments of concern
         stand for tragedy
      3) Causes strong leaders withdraw to be necessary evade.
      4) Preaching - Cut waste in public.
5. Don't Misunderstand.
   a Not insensitive. No boots, helmet
   b. genius + children; knows a touch.
   c. Of course, bring problems. Repairs.
   d. But also strength.
6 - Differ. for me. Perceive, retreat, feel bad. Toddle Home.
7 - But 1st Comm demands -
   a. Not just enjoy weaknesses.
   b. Not just cope.
   c. But make a diff. Yes + No.
   d. Expect of each other, because not easy to make a diff. K. Baker. Tempt. us to say nothing.
8 - Why do what diff, painful, unpopular, maybe wrong?
   1st Comm.
   Termin + Rom. 9.