

MARK'S OPEN SECRET
A Survival Guide for Life
Mark 13:1-37

- i. A pastoral word for us today. I know your struggles, hurts, hang-ups, pain, disappointments, injustices, fears, unmet expectations.
- ii. A video cutting through the veneer to conviction

WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH STRUGGLE BY COMMITTING TO THESE
CONVICTIONS ...

- I. CONVICTION ONE: REMAIN CALM (1-13)
 - a. Negatively-don't panic! Dial down the drama.
 - b. Struggle is the beginning
 - c. These are "birth pains" (verse 8)
 - d. Watch out and be on guard
 - e. The Holy Spirit will give you words
 - f. You will be saved - make it through

- II. CONVICTION TWO: ENGAGE (14-27)
 - a. The temptation is to stay inside where it is safe.
 - b. We are not called to be safe, we are called to run outside.
 - c. We are called to go out.
 - d. Being church is rarely on this campus.
 - e. Being church is out in the field (places) where we work, study, play—in the neighborhood, where there are real hurts, habits and hang-ups.

- III. CONVICTION THREE: REMEMBER
 - a. It is very easy to forget, to lose hope.
 - b. All forms of life will pass away except the living word of God in Jesus Christ and the written word revealing God to us.
 - c. Why we exist as sent people into the world.