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## **Luke 9:37-40**

**37** The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. **38** A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

**39** A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him.

**40** I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

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## **Mark 9:21-24**

**21** Jesus asked the boy’s father,  
“How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered.

**22** “It has often thrown him into  
fire or water to kill him. But if  
you can do anything, take pity on  
us and help us.”

**23** “ ‘If you can’?” said Jesus.  
“Everything is possible for him  
who believes.” **24** Immediately  
the boy’s father exclaimed, “I  
do believe; help me overcome  
my unbelief!”

**“You unbelieving and perverse generation,”**

**“Since human faith is never perfect, belief and unbelief are often mixed.”**

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**Luke 9:41-42**

**41** “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

**42** Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

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## **Deuteronomy 32:20**

**“I will hide my face from them,” he said, “and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful.**



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## **Mark 9:28-29**

**28** After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

**29** He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

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**“The disciples apparently had taken for granted the power given to them or had come to believe that it was inherent in them. Lack of prayer indicated they had forgotten that their power over the demonic spirits came from Jesus.”**

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## **Luke 9:43-45**

**43** And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, **44** “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.”

**45** But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

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**“The passion prediction serves to emphasis that Jesus’ ultimate purpose went beyond such miracles [as in v.44].”**

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**Luke 9:46-48**

**46** An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. **47** Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. **48** Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all-he is the greatest.”

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**“The meaning, then, [of v.48] is that instead of seeking status for ourselves (out of pride as an associate of the Messiah), we Christians should, as Jesus did, identify ourselves with those who have no status at all, welcoming them to join us in the Kingdom.”**

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**“Jesus points out that true greatness is found in a humble heart of servanthood and love for others, which welcomes the most vulnerable members of society.**

**Welcoming the weak and vulnerable is the same as welcoming Jesus, since they are special recipients of His grace.**

**Welcoming Jesus, in turn, is the same as welcoming the Father.”**



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## **Luke 9:49-50**

**49** “Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.” **50** “Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”

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**“The disciples were jealous. Nine of them had been unable to drive out a single evil spirit. But when they saw a man who was not one of their group driving out demons they told him to stop... Jesus says there is no room for such jealousy in the spiritual warfare of His kingdom.”**

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**“You unbelieving and perverse generation,”**

**“Jesus wants His disciples to appreciate the right others have to minister. No one performs in the church as a Long Ranger. The one who is not against us is for us, and we need all the allies we can use.”**

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# Applications

- **Humbleness**
- **“Don’t forget where you came from”**
- **No jealousy**

# Final Thoughts

## Matthew 11:28-30

**28** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”