



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 9: 32-38**

A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus,  
and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke.

The crowds were amazed and said,

“Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

But the Pharisees said,

“He drives out demons by the prince of demons.”

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages,

teaching in their synagogues,

proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,

and curing every disease and illness.

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them

because they were troubled and abandoned,

like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples,

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;

so ask the master of the harvest

to send out laborers for his harvest.”

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Time and time again Jesus confronted the power of evil in many forms: demons, illness and antagonism from phony religious leaders. Each time He

overcame evil with the power and Grace that only the Son of God possessed. But Jesus knew His time on earth was limited, therefore, He prayed and encouraged others to pray for "laborers for His harvest." This very day, Jesus is praying that your heart will be moved to help Him. Are you up for and ready to respond to His call?

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## **Food for your Journey**

Four young men sit by the bedside of their dying father. The old man, with his last breath, tells them there is a huge treasure buried in the family fields.

The sons crowd around him crying, "Where, where?" but it is too late.

The day after the funeral and for many days to come, the young men go out with their picks and shovels and turn the soil, digging deeply into the ground from one end of each field to the other.

They find nothing and, bitterly disappointed, abandon the search.

The next season the farm has its best harvest ever.

--Benjamin Zander, *The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life* (Penguin, 2002).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, Thank You for Your amazing power and work in our lives, thank You for Your goodness and for Your blessings over us. Thank You for Your great love and care. Help us to show our gratitude by living our lives in imitation of Your Son Jesus. Amen