



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Luke 9: 46-50**

An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side and said to them,

"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

Then John said in reply,

"Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we tried to prevent him

because he does not follow in our company."

Jesus said to him,

"Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

The disciples were incredibly naive and ignorant before Easter. They, like we, had been so conditioned by the thinking of the culture in which they lived. Jesus will correct and educate them as they accompany Him on His mission. Two corrections are illustrated in today's Gospel reading:

1. To be great, one must become humble.

2. Many hands are needed in the work of the Kingdom, whether one is a part of the "In-group" or not. With hearts that are humbled and focused on Jesus, all things are possible.

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## **Food for your Journey**

"Followers" is a hot topic right now, because it's crucial to the success of bloggers and tweeters. If you're writing a blog, or hosting a blog, you want to have as many "followers" as possible. That's why one can find so many articles online about how to increase your "followship." Or, if you're on Twitter, you'd like to have people who are reading your posts.

Facebook is slightly different because rather than "followers," Facebook has "friends" which usually include people you don't know that well, and some you perhaps have not seen since you were in high school or college.

Do you suppose Jesus is also concerned about the problem of "followers"? Is it possible that Jesus also has followers he doesn't even recognize? These would be people who think that being linked up with Jesus, linking to his Twitterfeed, or reading his blog (Bible) is probably a good idea, but truth be told, they're people who are not really into Jesus. And Jesus is like, "Hey, who are you anyway?!! I don't know you!" Following Jesus is not the same as clicking on Jesus, or hitting the "like" link. Means a lot more than that.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Cleanse my mind and heart of all the unholy influences of the society in which I live. Help me to seek Your way, Lord. Give me all the Grace I need to put Your way into practice each day. Amen