



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 9: 38-40

John said to Jesus,
"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name,
and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."
Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.
There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name
who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Our Scripture Reflection

When it comes to battling Satan it's all hands on deck. Jesus points out to His disciples as they ponder the necessary credentials for discipleship, if someone is not against Him and His mission then they must get involved with the work. No excuses are accepted by Jesus. Are you doing your part?

Food for your Journey

Here is what it means to pass through the incubation stage to the illumination stage in being a disciple of Jesus Christ:

W. H. Auden, writing under the pseudonym "Didymus" for Common-wealth over 50 years ago, complains that it is possible for people to say, "Of course I am a Christian. There are the Gospels to prove that Jesus existed, and the

existence of the church to prove that his claim to be Christ was true. I go to church every Sunday. What it all means, I can safely leave to the theologians.' This is as if a married woman were to say: 'Look at my large centrally-heated apartment, and here is my marriage license which my lawyer tells me is valid. I can't say I remember ever having met my husband personally, but what of that? The important thing is that I can put Mrs. before my name.'"

--Reported in Context 25 (1 November 1993), 1-2.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Help me to get serious and real about my faith in Your Son, Jesus. I put so much time and energy in everything else I do. May I grow in my ability to put Him first. Amen