



# Daily Reflections

**March 28, 2019**

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## Scripture

**Luke 11: 14-23**

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute,  
and when the demon had gone out,  
the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed.  
Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons,  
he drives out demons."  
Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven.  
But he knew their thoughts and said to them,  
"Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste  
and house will fall against house.  
And if Satan is divided against himself,  
how will his kingdom stand?  
For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons.  
If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul,  
by whom do your own people drive them out?  
Therefore they will be your judges.  
But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons,  
then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.  
When a strong man fully armed guards his palace,  
his possessions are safe.  
But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him,  
he takes away the armor on which he relied  
and distributes the spoils.

Whoever is not with me is against me,  
and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

The hearts of the Pharisees and scribes were rotten to the core. By casting out demons from the poor people who were afflicted Jesus did what they could not do: Demonstrate that He had authority and power over evil. Even more, He took the time to stop and show compassion to those who were terrified and who felt helpless as the result. All the Pharisees could do was gossip and slander Him.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Helping, fixing and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.

--Rachel Naomi Remen, Kitchen Table Wisdom (Penguin, 2006).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, I want to be like Jesus. I want to love and serve those who are hurting. Help me to realize that the smallest acts of kindness can mean the most. May You receive the glory as I do them. Amen