



# Daily Reflections

## September 1, 2020

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 4:31-37**

Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee.  
He taught them on the sabbath,  
and they were astonished at his teaching  
because he spoke with authority.  
In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon,  
and he cried out in a loud voice,  
“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?  
Have you come to destroy us?  
I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”  
Jesus rebuked him and said, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”  
Then the demon threw the man down in front of them  
and came out of him without doing him any harm.  
They were all amazed and said to one another,  
“What is there about his word?  
For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits,  
and they come out.”  
And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

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### Our Scripture Reflection

Well, the young “man” from Nazareth Who was rejected by the hometown crowd continues to make a name for Himself in other territories. He has a rather odd encounter with a demon, in of all places, a house of prayer, a synagogue in Capernaum! What’s a demon doing in there?? To

the amazement of the non-home town crowd Jesus expels the demon quickly. And His fame continues to grow.

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## **Food for your Journey**

A crab fisherman was once asked why he didn't put a lid on the bucket that held his day's catch. He replied, "The moment one of them climbs out, the others reach up and pull it back down again."

We do the same thing, don't we? You come back down here with the rest of us! How dare you succeed? How dare you do well? The apostle Paul warned, "But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!" (Galatians 5:15).

As believers, our competition is with the world, the flesh and the devil (see 1 John 2:15-16), not with fellow Christians.

--Greg Laurie, [harvest.org/devotional/archive/devotion/2013-07-15.html](http://harvest.org/devotional/archive/devotion/2013-07-15.html). Retrieved December 7, 2013.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You are Lord and Master of all. All powers are obedient to Your command. Watch over and protect us from the snares of the devil. Keep us safe and holy. Amen