



# Daily Reflections

**August 30, 2016**

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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**

Sound bites, spin, exaggeration, lies, etc., etc. How often do you hear someone speak "with authority"? Jesus did. He came to earn our salvation and He courageously went up against anyone or anything that got in His way with the wisdom and authority of God. He's the only one you can put your faith in and never be disappointed. He wants and needs us to be His witnesses in this troubled and confused world in which we live. Are you up for it? No theology degree required. Just read, pray and learn from His Book.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Flannery O'Connor was once asked why, in her short-story fiction, she created such freakish characters. She responded, "To the almost blind, you must draw very large, and to the almost deaf, you must shout loud."

—Mark A. Buchanan, "Rabbit trails to God," *Christianity Today*, July 2003, 44.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, please give me the wisdom and courage to be Your witness in this world. In doing so, may I bring people to Your Truth. Amen.