

GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (JUNE 26, 2022)

FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

Many people are seeking healing for their illnesses and solutions to their problems through people who do not have the power or ability to help them, they spend their time and money thinking and perhaps believing that healing and solutions will come from this good person, but they end up disappointed and with large bills to pay.

In the passage that we will see this Sunday morning, we are going to hear the story of a desperate father who, in his eagerness to find a healing for his only son who was possessed by a demon that almost killed him, puts his trust in the disciples of Jesus. However, what a disappointment to see that the disciples had no power to free this young man from the constant torment and attacks of this bad spirit. Seeing no good answers and without good results, the father's desperation accelerates to the maximum, and he will not accept a no for an answer; he will do what every father should do, he will place all his faith in the one who can do everything and for whom everything is possible. He would decide to wait to see and speak with Jesus their leader, but this time he will obtain the answer to his constant prayers; He will receive the miracle that frees his son from the humiliating abuse of the forces of evil.

Compassion for a Boy and his Father

SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 9:37-62

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus^[a] said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

What Does it Say?

1. What situation are the disciples of Jesus facing in this first part of the passage? (vv. 38-40) What does it say to you and why?
2. What kind of behavior does the evil spirit show here? How does the boy's father respond? What teaches us?
3. Who will be the greatest in the kingdom of God? Why? (vv.46-48)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

4. What does it mean that the disciples could not cast out the evil spirit? (v.40)
5. Why was the young man's father disillusioned with the disciples of Jesus?
6. What it means that Jesus have to intervene in this situation?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

7. What does God teach us and how does He communicate with us in this passage?
8. What does God ask us to do when we have a great need?
9. Why does God always help us? Why does He not despair like us?
10. What does God ask you to do to follow him? (vv.57-62)
11. What place does God want you to have in His kingdom?

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Take the time to read this passage again, ask God to reveal His message to you, He may want to show you more in His Word, Pray before, during and after you finish reading God's Word, and share it with others and practice what you just have heard and learned from the Lord. Remember that God wants the best for you, and wants you to spend time with your family enjoying and admiring his beautiful creation. God bless you always!