

Mar. 5 - Scripture: Luke 9: 37-62

A verse that speaks to you: v. 49, "Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." 50 "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

We need to remember that those who are following in ways other than those we embrace are still followers of God and who are we to judge their ways?

Observation: God has shown us how we are to follow Him. If someone else is living the example of Jesus (helping others, loving their neighbors) and yet they are not following our rituals, then we are to be careful of judging their not following our rituals and practices as wrong.

Application: We should be working at carrying out God's will. Love your neighbor, each of them. We can reach out to those closest to us even if they don't seem to be following God. If they are not actively fighting against us, then we should be ministering to them at every opportunity.

Prayer: God, help me to see the ways I can help my neighbors and help me to overcome my fear of their reaction to my reaching out to them. Let me show Your kindness to them and be an example of Your will in this world.

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