



## *“Powerful Practices for Peaceful Living”*

### MARK 9:30-50

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

To live at peace with God and one another, Jesus invites us to...

- A. Get **SERIOUS** about personal holiness. (9: 42-50)
  1. LIVE **SEPARATED**, removing **TEMPTATIONS** from our life. (42-47)
  2. LIVE **MOTIVATED**, knowing that **HELL** is **ETERNAL**. (48)
  3. LIVE **SALTY**, being **CONTROLLED** by the Holy Spirit. (49-50)
- B. **ACKNOWLEDGE** God’s work in others. (9:38-41)
  4. LIVE **PERCEPTIVE**, recognizing our **PERSPECTIVE** is limited. (38)
  5. LIVE **ACCEPTING**, knowing God’s work **GOES BEYOND** us. (39-40)
  6. LIVE **GENEROUS**, desiring God’s **REWARD** for others. (41)
- C. Aim our **AMBITIONS** toward **SERVING OTHERS**. (9:33-37)
  7. LIVE **AWARE**, understanding our **SELFISH** bent. (33-34)
  8. LIVE **LAST, SERVING OTHERS** first. (35)
  9. LIVE **RECEPTIVE**, recognizing **CHRIST** in others. (36-37)