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What Only God Can Do

Mark 9:14-41 (ESV)

- Last week we looked at the incredible account of the transfiguration, where Jesus showed three of His disciples a glimpse of the Glory of God that normally would have killed people in the Old Testament
- But Jesus was introducing a new era of the Kingdom of God
 - And Jesus is now on the path to the cross that will unlock that new Era of the Kingdom that we get to live in today
 - At this point in time in this Gospel we are about 6 months away from Jesus getting to the cross and He still has so much to teach His disciples and prepare them for when that new era begins.

- And picking up in Marks account, we read in Mark chapter 9, beginning in verse 14.

- ***“And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. And He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” And someone from the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And He answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the***

ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not

cast it out?” And He said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.” -Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)

- PRAY
- You know, the week before last we got to take our first youth trip for our church and it was really cool for me because it was taking place at my old Alma Mater, North Greenville University.
- It was wild to me to see how much that place has changed since I graduated from there 12 years ago, which made the students think that I was incredibly old.
- Some of the changes made me mad, like there being a chic-fil-a in the student center...we never would have DREAMED that we could have the Good Lord’s Christian Chicken on our campus whenever I was in school
- But it was very nostalgic walking around that campus where I had so many great memories.

thinking of some of the great lessons that I had learned there

- It was cool to talk with Emma and Hanna about some of the things that the Lord allowed me to experience there that really strengthened and broadened my faith and prepared me for where I am now
- And at one point while I was there, we were walking the path from the cafeteria to the chapel, on this brick path that I had walked hundreds of times before
- And I couldn't help but think of our old university president, Jimmy Epting
- Dr. Epting was such a sweet guy and kind of this larger than life figure. It was interesting because he was this mild mannered, goofy, yet soft spoken character, but at the same time was like a juggernaut in the Christian world. He was awesome.
- And it was on that brick path to the chapel where it was the one and only time that I got to meet him and talk with him personally.

- It was me and a friend on the way to chapel and got to chat with him just briefly and I don't remember what we really talked about, I just remember the last thing that he said to us and that was, "Fellas, just remember, I'll let you down. But God never will."
- And I'm not sure exactly why that statement made such an impact on me at the time, but it did. It made me really think about how my goal in developing into being a Christian leader myself should never be to get people to look up to me, or put their faith in me. My goal is simply to get people to look to Jesus and to put their faith in Him.
- And the sad part is, Dr. Epting did let us down. About a year or two after I graduated, he was caught in an affair. His son caught him on camera and posted in on YouTube and it was a huge ordeal that turned the university upside down and caused them to make some major changes.

- And that while situation, yea it broke my heart, but it didn't shake my faith.
- Because I had come to understand, partially due to the wisdom that he had shared with me, that his failure was not a reflection of God's goodness
- In fact, it didn't lead me to a place of deconstructing my faith, it lead to a place of depending on God more for my faith.
- I had to understand that if that could happen to a juggernaut like him, it could easily happen to a little guy like me
- So I didn't need to spend my time slandering, accusing, and judging
- I needed to spend my time on my knees begging and pleading for the grace, mercy, and power of God in my life.
- And so many people have so much confusion about the Christian life because we look at the failures of men, more than we do the Goodness and Power of God.

- DON'T LOOK TO MAN, TO TRY AND GET WHAT YOU CAN ONLY GET FROM GOD

- This man in Marks account, went looking for Jesus to try and help his demonically oppressed son
 - Now, he couldn't find Jesus because He is up the mountain being transfigured and meeting with Moses and Elijah
 - So, he tries to settle for Jesus' disciples who weren't up the mountain with him.
- But how often do we look to people to provide for us what only God can provide for us?
- We do it with relationships all of the time!
- We pursue relationships and marriages which are good things to pursue...however we buy into the theology of Jerry McGuire and look at our significant other and say things like, "You complete me!"
- Which sets us up for the most unhealthy relationship that we could ever possibly have

because we're looking to another human being to be the fulfillment of our lives

- And that can never be the case
- As soon as you set the precedent that you need another person to complete you or fulfill you— you are putting an undue amount of pressure on them that they can never live up to.
 - That's not fair to them and it's not fair to you
- I had to learn years ago that the most healthy relationship that you can ever be in is one where two people choose each other, but don't need each other
 - Because you can only find completeness and fulfillment in a relationship with the God who made you
 - And you're husband, your wife, your significant other can never complete you they can only compliment you
 - And if you put the pressure on them to complete you, you will always be left lacking,

confused, and you'll probably become a manipulative person because you're expecting another person to provide for you something that they were never meant to provide

- You cannot look to a relationship or a marriage to give you what only God can give you
 - And if you stop putting those unhealthy expectations on those closest to you, and find your purpose and fulfillment in Christ first and foremost...we'll then you will actually be able to enjoy a much happier and healthier relationship with your spouse or significant other because your relationship is flowing from the fulfillment you have already found in Jesus.
- Also, so many people also miss out on the power of the Christian life because we try to depend on other people in the church for our spiritual lives
 - Now this comes with good intentions.

- Like the man searching for Jesus, he went to the right place. He found followers of Jesus. Now, he wasn't sure how to get to Jesus himself, so he settled to try and have his followers fix his problem that only Jesus could fix.
- Similarly today, many people are searching for Jesus, they want to have a relationship with God...but they're not sure how to find Him, so they come to church, which is the right place to be!
 - However, we stop short because we start to look at the people in the church as if they are supposed to be Jesus for us
 - We expect them to fix our problems, we expect them to lift us up, it's almost as if we expect them to be perfect as our Father in Heaven is perfect
- But the problem is, no matter how well we try to live this Christian life we are all still imperfect human beings struggling with sin
 - And we let each other down, we all fall short, we disappoint each other from time to time
 - And because we expect Christians who say they follow God to never mess up and to never struggle themselves, as soon as we see that we do, so many people just throw their hands up and say.... "this must be a sham!"
- But the reality is that the church is a group of desperate imperfect people wanting more of a perfect God
 - And if we understand that this gathering is just full of a bunch of people in desperate need of the grace of God, we will be able to show much more grace to each other.
 - And we would stop feeling the need to put on the church face, and perform, and instead just be open, real, and authentic with each other as we chase after His presence together.
- So we cant look to our relationships to provide what only God can provide, we can't look to

the people in the church to provide what only God can provide, but also, you cannot look to a pastor to provide what only God can provide

- We pastors are never the voice of God in your life.
- And you know what? We don't want to be. We don't want that pressure
- Now God appoints certain people to be pastors to teach the Word and help His people discern what the Holy Spirit is teaching them at that time
 - One of my former pastors, whenever someone would say to him, *"Oh you really stepped on my toes, today pastor."* He would say, *"No I didn't, I was at the pulpit. I wasn't anywhere near your toes. That was the Holy Spirit telling you exactly what you needed to hear when you needed to hear it."*
- One of the things that people in the church desperately need to understand is that God can speak to you just as much or even more so than He does to me or Pastor Mark.
- I want to be careful and clear about this because I think too many pastors are very careless with this language, and they say, "God told me to tell you," "God called us to....,"
 - And not to say that He didn't, but I think a lot of times we as pastors just lead people to a state of confusion wondering why God doesn't talk to them like that.
 - Or we use it as a platform that makes people think they cannot question us, because WE heard from God.
- As soon as it is accepted that the religious leader hears from God, and the people that follow him do not. That is the very moment that religion becomes a cult.
 - And we have a lot of cultish christian churches around now a days, because we buy into this "man of God" agenda, where we elevate the microphone and a stage, and make the head of the church the Pastor, rather than keeping the Head of the Church, Christ.

- And there are so many people that will come to a pastor to seek the face of God on an issue for them, and we do so, we love to do so... however, you have to understand that you can do that yourself as well.
- Hebrews 4:16 says, ***“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” -Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)***
 - He doesn’t say draw near to the pastor, draw near to a friend, he doesn’t even say draw near to the church!
 - He says, that because of what Jesus has done for us on the Cross, He has given us direct access to draw near to the Throne of God
 - And the goal of the pastor, the goal of the friend, the goal of the church should be for us all to help draw each other to His Throne, so that we can get from God what we can only get from God.
- You know one of the things that I am so baffled by and encouraged by at the same time, is the fact that I have come to understand that this town has been riddled with church hurt.
 - In the 4 years or so that I have been here, I have never been in a town where it has been so common to hear the story from someone who says, “Yea, the past 2, or 3, or 4 churches I was at ended in scandal. Or had to leave because of some deep hurt.”
 - And it breaks my heart so much, but at the same time I am so encouraged because I am hearing those stories from people who are still in church today! Who are still pursuing the Throne among the cooperate gathering of the people of God!
- It just goes to show how many of us have really been focusing on the Goodness of God more than the failure of men!
- And I remember a few years ago playing golf with a guy who has since become one of my

best friends. Well, he was playing, I was trying to keep up

- And he was telling me about some of the horrific church hurt that he had experienced that had caused him to leave that town
 - And I'm hearing his story and I ask him, "Man....why do you even want to come to church at all??"
 - And he said, "Oh I love the Church. I love Jesus. That was just those people, that wasn't Him."
 - And that was the attitude of a man, who doesn't look to man to try and get what He can only get from God.
- Going back to our passage in Mark, these people are looking for the disciples to do what only Jesus could do.
- And when the disciples aren't able to cast out the demon, when things aren't going according to plan, what do they do? They

just start having theological debates with the scribes

- (That's a sermon for another time...)

- But Jesus comes down the mountain, everyone starts rushing to Him and He wants to know what the argument is about.
 - They tell Him, Jesus scolds the disciples for their faithlessness and He takes care of it.
- Now the disciples are confused as to why they weren't able to cast the demon out and in verse 29 Jesus says, ***"This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."*** -Mark 9:29 (ESV)
 - Translation: You weren't relying on the power of God
- Next point: **DON'T LOOK TO YOURSELF TO DO WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO**
- Now to be fair to these disciples, earlier in chapter 6, had been sent out by Jesus to various towns and had been given the

authority to teach and preach and to cast out demons.

- So this is something that they had done before
- But somewhere down the line, they stopped relying on the Power of God and thought that they could do it on their own
- They forgot that the only spiritual power they ever had, wasn't theirs, it was God's moving through them.
- And there are so many times in our spiritual lives, when we have been growing and maturing in our faith, we've been learning and sharing, and making an impact on other peoples lives
- And we feel like we get into a good groove... and whether intentionally or not, at some point its like we say, "Oh it's good God! I got it from here!"
- And there is no power in that life

- I'll tell ya, there have been times where I feel like I have been in a good groove with my sermon preparation, I'm on a roll with my study and my writing, and then all of the sudden in realize, I hadn't prayed over this at all yet
- And in those moments I have to scrap everything that I had written so far, get on my face before God, ask for His forgiveness first, and then His wisdom and insight and then start all over again
- Because like I pray all of the time, I cannot say anything of any significance or importance if it doesn't come from Him and His power
- And the moment I stop relying on His power my ministry here will come crumbing down
- And I believe Jesus has the interaction with the father of this boy the way that He does to teach the disciples this lesson
- Jesus has them bring the boy to Him, and just being in the presence of Jesus causes this demon within this boy to have a visceral reaction

- So I'm reading this and I'm thinking, "Ok Jesus, get to it! Stop this madness!"
 - But for some reason He wants a little background first.
- In verse 21 it says, ***"And Jesus asked his father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.' And Jesus said to him, 'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes.'" -Mark 9:21-23 (ESV)***
- Now this is a passage that many people take out of it's context and tell people, "Oh you're only struggling as much as you are because you don't have enough faith!"
- Which is such a heretical way to think because it makes us think that we can concoct some sort of power source within ourself to manipulate God into doing whatever we want Him to do.
- Not to mention how devastatingly cruel it could be to tell someone that their suffering, which is outside of their control, is their fault because they're just not spiritual enough
- But the faith we have is never our own in the first place! Any level of faith that we ever have comes from Him
- ***"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." -Romans 12:3 (ESV)***
- So therefore according to Paul, the faith that we have has been assigned to us from God himself, He is where the faith and the power of our faith comes from. Because it's His, first and foremost.
 - So the only way that we can strengthen our faith, is to ask Him for more!

- But again, here Jesus poses a statement to this man in order to draw out a response that we can all learn from today.
- And verse 24 says: ***“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” -Mark 9:24 (ESV)***
 - Now, this man had faith, he had belief...that’s why he was there in the first place!
 - However, there was still doubt in his mind, there was still fear that Jesus wouldn’t really do what he was asking Him to do
- And that type of honesty is really what the Lord wants from us
 - We don’t have to pretend that we never have doubts, or questions, or concerns
 - If you’ve had those, just go read through the Psalms and see how brutally honest David was with his prayers
 - He expresses his anger, frustrations, doubts, and fears...but all of it is riddled within a cry for help!
- The word for unbelief used in this passage literally means, “weakness of faith”
 - So essentially this man is saying, *“Yes Lord, I have faith, but help the weakness of my faith!”*
- And that, my friends, is one of the most powerful prayers that you can ever pray
 - Because the reality is, you will never find strength until you realize how weak you really are
 - You will never gain wisdom until you realize how little you really know
 - And the power of this spiritual life comes from understanding and acknowledging our spiritual weakness, and asking for help!
- That is exactly why Paul said, ***“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me...For when I am weak, then I am strong.” -2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (condensed)***

- But the disciples weren't there yet, they thought they were strong enough, they thought that they had arrived!
- And Jesus goes on to tell them again that he was going to be delivered into the hands of men, that He was going to be killed
 - And they still didn't understand what He was talking about but they were afraid to ask Him about it...probably because Peter got ripped a new one the last time this was a topic of conversation
 - But that's also a red flag to where they are spiritually because they stopped asking the questions that they needed to be asking... and instead just thought very highly of themselves
- So much so that they were fighting each other for position. Verse 33 says, ***“And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with***

one another about who was the greatest. 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.” -Mark 9:33-35 (ESV)

- Man, here Jesus is explaining to them that He is going to die and go through a more torturous death than we could ever imagine
- And they were just arguing with themselves about who's better and deserved more
- They cared more about vying for position within the Kingdom of God rather than caring about the people of God...or really Jesus Himself
 - But Jesus says, that's not what my Kingdom is about
 - His Kingdom is not about being elevated yourself to a position, it's about lowering yourself to serve
- Verse 36 goes on to say: ***“And He took a child and put him in the midst of them,***

and taking him in His arms, He said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but him who sent Me.” -Mark 9:36-37 (ESV)

- We have to understand that in that day and age the survival rate of babies and toddlers were so low because of their lack of medicinal resources that a child was not seen to have any significance until they reached the age of 5
 - Because once they got that age it was safe to assume that that child would survive and be able to contribute to society
- But Jesus, takes what is seen as insignificant up in His arms, lovingly embraces that child
 - And He tells them that if you receive even a child like this: That word receives means: to receive into one's family, in order to bring up, educate. To aide”
 - He says the work of the Kingdom, the greatest work that you can do for God, is to

love and care for the those you would think were the most insignificant, those without hope, and love and care for them like family.

- But it's going to be hard for the disciples to be able to do that with the mindsets that they are stuck with. John shows where their minds are in the next verses:
- “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.” 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. For the one who is not against us is for us. 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.”- Mark 9:38-41 (ESV)***
- Here's our final point for today:

- DON'T DETERMINE ABOUT OTHERS WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DETERMINE ABOUT OTHERS

- You see, Jesus tells His disciples that the way to really be counted and have position in God's Kingdom is by serving the people that everyone else would see as insignificant, the overlooked, the outcasted, the hopeless
 - And John's response to that is, well we're so good at the Kingdom work that you gave us, that we are stopping these other people who are trying to minister in Your Name, because they're not a part of our group
 - We're the "It-Group"...no one else can do what we do
- But Jesus says, "Ohhhh no John. They're on our team too. How can it be a bad thing, if they are doing a powerful work and giving Jesus the Praise for it?"
- But we are so quick to group ourselves together in our own little cliques, and it's no

longer about the Christian vs. the atheist, it's about the Christian vs the Christian

- We have created so many rivalries among those who believe in the same Jesus that we believe in, and the same great commission that we are called to
 - But some worship with different people in different buildings with different worship styles and have different doctrinal beliefs when it comes to things like predestination, spiritual gifts, the end times, women's roles in the church and other things that have NOTHING to do with salvation.
- And we make them out to be on a different team.
 - And nothing makes the enemy happier than when Christians demonize each other.
 - Because as Jesus said, a house divided against itself cannot stand.
 - And the enemy loves to get Christians to focus on the petty doctrinal and

denominational differences among each other rather than being the Light of the World and being a part of the Kingdom of God moving in power.

- Man, whenever I talk about our church plant to other Christians the #1 thing I'm asked is about who we are as a church. What they mean is what denomination are you?
- Now, we're a Baptist church
- We are affiliated with the NC Baptist State Convention
 - I've done a lot of training with them, built good relationships, and they support us and we support them
- However, I want to be very clear, that we do not IDENTIFY as a baptist Church.
 - We are a Church that identifies with Jesus Christ, and Him alone
- And there are too many Christians, and Churches in America, that live and die and identify with their denominations to the point

that all they do is argue about doctrinal differences, demonize others that don't believe the way they believe, and debating other Christians

- And this is exactly what happens whenever you choose to put your identity in a man made organization rather than the work of Jesus
 - There's a reason why Paul said ***"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*** -1 Corinthians 2:2 (NIV)
- One of my favorite aspects of our church planting story is our partnership with Equip Church.
- I first met pastor Brandon Smith after we had started our vision services in September of 2022, because he was planning on planting in Hickory in September of 2023.
- They were going to name their church Hope Church, so we accidentally stole their name and beat them to the punch.

- From that, we met up for coffee, just started talking, and formed a relationship. He and his core team decided that they would worship with us in 2023, leading up to their launch.
 - In that time, they could have a church to worship together in and they could learn the portable church style with us and be better equipped for their launch when the time came.
- Now, Pastor Brandon and I have different backgrounds, we have different denominational affiliations, we have have some doctrinal and theological issues that we do not line up on.
- But that is my brother. We have the same mission, we have the same goal, we are on the same team!
 - At one point, I jokingly told my team that I thought about joining his denomination so they could stay! It hurt to see them leave, but we know this is about the Kingdom and we will always be connected and be family...We

have an office for him downstairs right now that he works in!

- I'm so thankful that the Lord lined that up for us to have this type of partnership so that the culture of our two churches could have a foundation like this.
- Helping us keep the main thing the main thing...and make sure we always stay about the Father's business....not a man made agenda
- Now there was a time, where my initial reaction to a guy like him with some of the views he holds to would be to distance myself from him
 - I'd think, he's not with us!
- But the Lord had to rid me of that mindset early on. I remember back in college when I was really forming my beliefs and theological views I had NO problem entertaining the debate
 - Because I was one of the typical Christian college students that would spend the

majority of their time not focusing on real ministry and loving people but rather just picking apart what I didn't like about other ministries

- And there was one day where a chapel speaker came in and shared a message that I did not agree with one bit.
 - And I spent that day going around and telling everyone how much I did not like what he had to say and why!
- And later that evening it was like I got another slap upside the head from the Holy Spirit, and I was convicted as to, "Who am I to talk about a man of God like that."
 - And I had to go around the next day to every single person that I bad mouthed that pastor to, and apologize to them.
 - It was one of the most humbling experiences of my life.

- Now, my view on that issue has not changed. But I have come to the understanding, that it doesn't really matter.
- It's nothing worth dividing over
 - Now if there are those claiming to be Christians that don't believe that Jesus was actually God in Flesh or that He didn't rise from the dead or if they are teaching anything that is black and white contrary to God's Word, that is definitely heretical and they are definitely not with us, they are against us.
- But I would be willing to bet that we have a whole lot more brothers and sisters in Christ than we think we do.
- And something that we clarify in all of our family member classes is that: We recognize that we as an individual church, serve just as a small part of God's Large Family that ranges all over our city, county, country, and world.
 - We are not any more unique, special, or important than the countless other houses of

worship that our brothers and sisters in Christ worship in all around the planet.

- We will not slander or degrade any other place of worship that preaches the same Gospel and serves the same Jesus as we do, no matter how different their worship “style” may be.
 - They are our family as well and we will treat them and see them as such.
- Going back tomorrow Romans 12 that we quoted before: Paul says that we shouldn’t think of ourselves higher than we should, each of us according to the measure of faith that God has given us. But then in the next verse he goes on to say: ***“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them,”***
-Romans 12:4-6 (ESV)
- Then he goes on to list a number of spiritual gifts, and you know normally we look at this passage and apply it to specific church members
 - However, I believe that a level of this is not just for the individuals within the local church, but also for the individual local churches
 - You see us and every other bible believing, Jesus preaching, Great Commission Following church in this town, are all a part of the body of Christ
 - And our different churches have different giftings
 - Some are more gifted in evangelism
 - Some are more gifted in discipleship
 - Some are more gifted in encouraging and building up
 - Some are more gifed in generosity, acts of mercy, joyfulness!

- And I believe that if the local churches stopped creating rivalries among each other and just operated in their gifting and lifted each other up, rather than trying to be in competition with each other....that's when we would see a movement of God that is beyond what we could ask or imagine
 - There's a place for us all. From the mega church to the little guys, God can use us all in powerful ways in whatever way He wants to
 - But we are called to be who we are called to be, this church is going to look like and operate the way that He wants it to look like and operate
- And we don't have to determine about other people, other Christians, and other Churches, what only God can determine about them
- Paul let's us know what we should really be focusing on to round out Romans 12: Which really deals with every point that we have talked about today:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
-Romans 12:9-18 (ESV)

- Let's Pray