

LUKE 9 vs 37

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³⁷ **And it happened, that on the next day, when they descended the hill, a great multitude met Him /** were they curious about the light show the previous night, undoubtedly seen from miles away?

³⁸ **And, behold / pay attention, a man in this large crowd who gathered, cried out, saying, Teacher, I have a request for You,**

look at my son: for he is my only child / the father wanted the Lord to look on his boy favorably, because nobody in the crowd seemed to know what to do.

³⁹ **-- a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly shrieks; and it causes him to convulse, and he foams again, and bruising him departs from him /** causing a seizure and greatly bruising him; until it finally leaves him.

⁴⁰ **And I sought Your** **disciples** / the word is: **mathetes**; he searched out... those who were supposed to be doing the math, putting the pieces together...

to cast him out; and they could not / hmm?! They couldn't? Was there a division with the disciples? Peter, James and John were just with Jesus at the Transfiguration; the other disciples were left at the foot of the mountain. Jesus had given His disciples power over the demons. So, what's going on?

⁴¹ **And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation /** probably looking around at this multitude including His disciples, you know, without faith it's impossible to please God. And that's where Jesus starts in His answer to our requests...

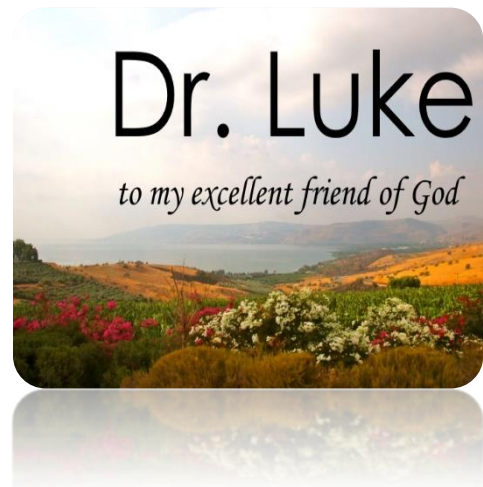
O faithless and twisted / turned aside... **generation, how long will I be with you, and put up with you? /** Everywhere, every day He was called on to do the works of God; tirelessly He responded, even when He didn't have to. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross. Consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself – **Hebrews 12**. Why He never said, I've had enough, Father, I'm out of here... is beyond me.

Bring your son here.

⁴² **And as he was yet coming, the demon /** convulsed him... **and threw him down. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and gave him again to his father.**

⁴³ **And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God, But while they wondered at all that Jesus was doing /** and it is mighty; and it is amazing; all these on-lookers and spectators... while everyone was amazed... they gathered around for yet another show,

He said to His disciples / to those supposed to be doing the math – putting the pieces together 1 + 1,



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⁴⁴ **Let these sayings sink into your ears:** / Jesus is thinking about the world; because He adds...

for the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men.

⁴⁵ **But His disciples did not understand this saying** / their hard-heads prevented them,

and it was hid from them, that they did not perceive: But here's a little twist...

and they feared to ask Him of that saying / what's that all about? God is not the author of fear.

And now we hear what is going on,

⁴⁶ **Then there arose an argument among them, who might be the greatest** / a debate was brewing among the disciples; those who were to do their math, instead were thinking about their genius.

⁴⁷ **And Jesus, knowing what was in their heart, took a child, and set him by Him** / knowing what they were thinking; Jesus placed the kid, next to Him; in His eternity, won't it be amazing to meet this kid and all the nameless others,

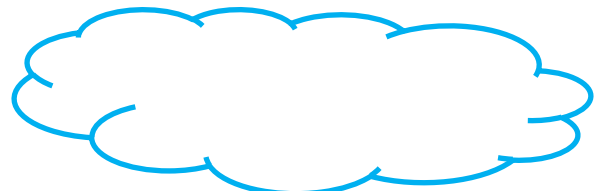
⁴⁸ **And Jesus said to them, whoever receives this child in My Name receives Me: and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me: for he who is least among you, that one is great** / to those disciples putting it together piece by piece by piece; relying on God for everything, that one is great, end of subject; notice, Jesus did not say... the greatest.

⁴⁹ **And John answered and said, Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your Name and we banned him** / which suggests he didn't like what Jesus said... and he needed clarification... we saw someone representing You. We repeatedly tried to stop him. And did Jesus say, Yeah?! Why did they want to stop him? So how come they couldn't cast out the demon in the boy that was convulsing?

because he did not follow with us / can you imagine? That one was busy getting the work done – the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few; he was not hanging out with all the argumentative who's-the-greatest-ones.

⁵⁰ **Jesus said to him, Do not forbid him:**

for he who is not against us is for us.



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