

Insights from Luke

#34: "Mistakes We All Have Made"

Luke 9:37-50

The excellence of Christ – Saying, doing, and making things that represent something done well reflects an honor due to God.

Pride – Saying, doing, and making things that represent something done well that reflects upon my honor.

Luke 9:37-40

“³⁷ On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Him. ³⁸ And a man from the crowd shouted, saying, ‘Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only boy, ³⁹ and a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth; and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him as it leaves. ⁴⁰ I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not.’”



Luke 9:41-42

“⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said, ‘You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.’ ⁴² While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.”

Mark 9:24

“²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, ‘I do believe; help my unbelief.’”

Luke 9:43-45

“⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁴ ‘Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.’ ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.”

Luke 9:46

“⁴⁶ An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest.”

Luke 9:47-48

“⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side, ⁴⁸ and said to them, ‘Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great.’”

Luke 9:49-50

“⁴⁹ John answered and said, ‘Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.’ ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, ‘Do not hinder him; for he who is not against you is for you.’”

First:

We say that we believe in God, but do we trust Him to do what only He can do?

Presumption

Doing God’s things my way

Faith

Doing God’s things His way

Second:

**We commit a second
mistake when we take our
eyes off of Christ.**

Third:

**We also make a mistake
when we seek greatness for ourselves
rather than God.**

Fourth:

**We make a mistake
when we fight the wrong
enemy.**