

The Wrong Fight
Mark 9:38-50
February 19th, 2023

- Last Few Weeks:
 - The Markian Hinge: Who Is Jesus? What Did Jesus Come To Do? Mark 8
 - A Glimpse Of Glory - Mark 9:1-13
 - All Things Are Possible - Mark 9:14-29
 - The Road To True Greatness - Mark 9:30-37

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- John's _____ & Jesus' _____

IT IS THE WRONG FIGHT WHEN:

1. When We Focus On Who Is _____ Us, Not Who Is _____ Jesus (**Mark 9:38**)
2. When We Are Fighting For '____', Not _____ (**Mark 9:38**)
3. When Jesus Tells You To _____ Doing What You Are Doing (**Mark 9:39**)
 - **κωλύω** (koluo) - To keep something from happening, Hinder, prevent, forbid, refuse, deny, withhold, keep back (**Mark 9:39**)
4. When We Try To Stop Others From _____ Stuck In Demonic Darkness (**Mark 9:39**)
 - Past & Current _____ ...

3 Reasons For A Change Of Strategy

1. Speaking & Acting For _____ Go Together (**Mark 9:39, 1Peter 4:10-11**)
2. If Someone Is Not Against Us They Are For Us (So _____ Be Against Them) (**Mark 9:40**)
3. _____ Because Of Their Relationship With Jesus Is Central To True Prosperity & Joy (**Mark 9:41**)
 - Jesus Loves _____ & So Should We! Jesus Loves _____ & So Should We!

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- Remember The Context - Jesus Is Holding _____ (**Mark 9:33-37**)

- _____ Is Real & There Is A Real Eternity Ahead Of Us (**Mark 9:42-50**)

IN THE RIGHT FIGHT BEWARE OF—

1. **H** _____ - This Scripture Is Not An Encouragement Toward Harming Yourself But A Warning Against Harming Others By Causing Them To Sin (**Mark 9:42, 1 John 5:16-17**)

2. **E** _____ - The Eternal Consequences Of Living In Sin Are Real (**Mark 9:43-48**)

- Consider **Galatians 1:8-9** & **Philippians 1:15-18**

3. **L** _____ Rather Than Losing Your Life (& Limbs) Out Of Love For Others (**Mark 9:43-48, James 3:13-18**)

*“Be Killing Sin, Or Sin Will Be Killing You!” —John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin**

4. **L** _____ Of The Family, Instead Preserve Peace With One Another (**Mark 9:49-50**)

- In The Right Fight, We Do Not Want Peace At Any Price, But Peace At The Price Of Our Own _____ & Our Own _____ (**Mark 9:28-29, 50**)

- In The Right Fight, We Remember This Person _____ Christ (**Mark 9:41, 42, 50**)

- In The Right Fight, We Participate In The Serious _____ Of Sin In Our Own Life (**Mark 9:43-48**)

“You cannot mortify a specific lust that is troubling you, unless you are seeking to obey the Lord from the heart in all areas!”

*—John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin**

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been jealous or envious of other believers? How has that effected your life?
2. Read Mark 9:39-41. Discuss the 3 reasons Jesus gives for this change of strategy? What is compelling to you in what Christ says?
3. Mark 9:42-50 is incredibly rich and thick. How can this passage help us focus on the most important fight? What is a fight worth giving everything for? How can you be in this fight more wholeheartedly?

Suggested Reading: *The Mortification of Sin*, John Owen

Key Words For Kids To Count: Fight, Fighting