

Mark 9:30 - 50

Four ~~Three~~ more Intimate Conversations

30 From there they went out and began to go through

Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know about it. 31 For

a long trip from mt. Hermon back to Capernaum He wants a special time of conversation with the 12.

He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of

Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will

kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days

again He assures them that His coming death is not an accident nor a defeat by the enemy. It is God's purpose and Plan.

later." 32 But they did not understand this statement, and

In Acts 2:23 Peter finally realized this.

they were afraid to ask Him.

No man can understand truly the cross unless God opens his heart to respond.

33 They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house,

Probably "they all met back" in Capernaum.

He began to question them, "What were you discussing on

Even tho He knew exactly what they had discussed. (Ps.139:4)

the way?" 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had

Because what is often open discussion amongst fleshly men is an embarrassment before Christ.

discussed with one another which of them was the

But He wanted to hear them admit to it and feel the shame in the light of His presence.

greatest. 35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and *said to

They had pondered on the status of themselves.

them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and

But greatness is not judged by status and other men's opinions. Greatness is judged by a willingness to serve.

servant of all." 36 Taking a child, He set him before them, and

Jesus says "come close" Here comes an intimate conversation

taking him in His arms, He said to them, 37 "Whoever

and a willingness to serve any child of God... the best.

receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and

"these people you serve a precious in my sight"

because He is mine

whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent

Service to the people of God enters into another high and sacred realm,

Me."

another was successful where they were not.

Don't evaluate yourselves. Look to others

38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out

demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because

and they actually tried to shut down this man's ministry. The reason? he was not part of their band.

he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder

Q: "Were we wrong?"
Ans. "Yes, as a matter of fact you were."

him, for there is no one who will perform a miracle in My
name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰ For

The lines have been drawn.
Those not against us are for us.
And we are not exclusive.
If they speak the truth about Me
and serve Me then they
are on our side.

he who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For whoever gives you a
cup of water to drink because of your name as *followers* of
Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.

And when anyone helps
you just because you are
on our side that person
will be rewarded.

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to
stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone
hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.⁴³ If

But in no way should
you mislead or abuse
your position as a leader
so as to harm one of my
children.

Death and
the desolation of a
memory.

your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for
you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go
into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴ [where THEIR WORM
DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.] ⁴⁵ If your foot

If you see in any way
your flesh leading
you into corruption
as a leader, deal with it
in the harshest and
most decisive of ways.

causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter
life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast
into hell, ⁴⁶ [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT
QUENCHED.] ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out;

Because false teachers
are destined for eternal hell.

it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye,
than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell, ⁴⁸ where THEIR
WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

Your spiritual duties
take far precedent
over your body and
physical life.

⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if
the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it

Those in hell will be
preserved (salted)
by fire.

salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with
one another."

In contrast we are to be
salt... we preserve our
society and give me
an "altitude" for God

Jesus comes back to the first statement of the section...
"Be at peace. Serve one another."