

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

In today's gospel Jesus challenges his disciples' penchant for power and control. John, vividly revealing his intolerance, insists that a non-Christian exorcist who cast out demons in Jesus' name be silenced. Jesus chastised John's insolence by reminding him that anyone who is for Jesus is not against him. It is a reminder to all Christians to be open to God's Spirit working in surprising ways. It is a sobering reflection that invites us to welcome all who offer God's compassion to others, even non-believers. They are, according to today's gospel, somehow united with us. It is a powerful message of ecumenism.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

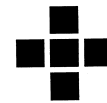
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A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**Faith Sharing
Questions of the week**

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."
Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

Gospel Glossary

A **Millstone** is either of two circular stones used for grinding something (such as grain).
To be **maimed** is to mutilate, disfigure or wound seriously.
Gehenna means a place or state of misery; hell.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

The Gospel of the Lord

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: What does God look-like to you? How does God help you live everyday?

Teens: Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why ?

Family: Who is God for you and your family? What opportunities do you have to defend your faith?

Adults: What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

Closing Prayer

Father, with the help of your Spirit, help us to hear Your voice in Scripture, and to let it enter our head and our hearts. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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