



If we do not heed the words of Jesus this morning we run the risk of losing our effectiveness for the Kingdom of God.

### I. Fighting the Wrong Battle

- The Disciples couldn't heal a boy who was demon possessed due to a lack of faith.
- The bottom line is the Gospel and how many are coming to know Christ personally and are following Him as a disciple.

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- Jesus logically stated, "You can't perform ministry in My name and be against Me at the same time. "

## II. Destroying the Weak

- The Greek word for stumbling is *skandalizo* which is where we get our English word scandal from.
- “These little ones” includes those who are new believers, people whose faith is fragile and tender.

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- Tolerating sin in our lives, pursuing factious behavior in our relationships, and diminishing the calling to follow Christ causes us to stunt a young believer’s growth.

## III. Missing Our Sin

- “It says something about our times that we rarely use the word sinful except to describe a really good dessert.” (Willard Ferrell)
- Nothing is so important as your relationship with God.

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- In a series of strong statements, Jesus emphasized how terrible sin is.
- Jesus instead emphasizes the necessity of a decisive rejection of sin.

#### IV. Our Saltiness Is At Stake

- “Everyone” is a reference to every person in general.
- For nonbelievers, the preserving fire of final judgment; for disciples, the refining fire of present trials and suffering.

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- “Salt” depicts what distinguishes a disciple from a person who only claims to know Jesus. **A disciple is to maintain his allegiance to Jesus at all costs and to purge out destructive influences.**

Are you causing other to  
thirst for Jesus?