



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: MARK 9:43-50

I MUST BE SALT BEFORE I CAN SEASON OTHERS

INTRODUCTION

- Two weeks ago, the disciples could not cast out a demon, then they talk about who is the greatest _____
- Last week, John and the disciples prevented a man from benefiting the Kingdom because he was an outsider _____
- After interaction with the disciples, the boy was not better, and the man was worse _____
- The fulfillment of our physical desires sometimes overshadows the fulfillment of God’s spiritual mandates _____
- Do I want to be salt? _____

EVALUATE, ELIMINATE AND ELEVATE

- Stumble (v. 42) / Sin (vv. 43, 45 and 47) _____
 - Stumble = *skandalizō*
 - Skandalizō* (v) = To put a stumbling-block or impediment in the way upon which another may trip or fall.
 - Skandalon* (n) = The movable stick or trigger of a trap. The part of the trap where the bait is attached.
- Are you causing someone else to stumble? _____
 - It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck, and you were thrown into the sea
 - Note: “It would be better for you” Jesus takes causing others to stumble very seriously
- Are you causing yourself to stumble? _____
 - Hand (What I Do)**
 - Evaluate: Honestly evaluate what I am doing
 - Eliminate: If my hand is causing me to stumble, cut it off
 - Elevate: **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, ¹⁰ *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.*
 - Foot (Where I Go)**
 - Evaluate: Honestly evaluate the places you go (physically, mentally, emotionally, etc.)
 - Eliminate: If my foot is causing me to stumble, cut it off
 - Elevate: **Psalms 37:23** ²³ *The steps of a good man [woman] are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his [her] way.*
 - Eye (What I See)**
 - Evaluate: Honestly evaluate what I see (physically, psychologically, morally, etc.)
 - Eliminate: If my eye is causing me to stumble, pluck it out
 - Elevate: **Psalms 119:37** ³⁷ *Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way*

I MUST BE SALT

- Everyone will be salted (seasoned) with fire _____
- And every sacrifice will be salted (seasoned) with salt _____
- Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? _____
- Be salt, and be at peace with one others _____