Finding Jesus Again

A Study in the Gospel of Mark

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40 For the one who is not against us is for us 41 For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'

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1. Jesus calls us to inclusive cooperation with those who are doing Jesus's work in Jesus's name.

Jesús nos llama a una cooperación inclusiva con aquellos que están haciendo el trabajo de Jesús en el nombre de Jesús.

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This undogmatic openness to others will trouble anyone more intent on establishing the limits of who is in and who is out than on winning the war against the enemy. The enemy becomes anyone who is "not one of us," instead of Satan.

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2. The smallest contributions are valued at the highest levels.

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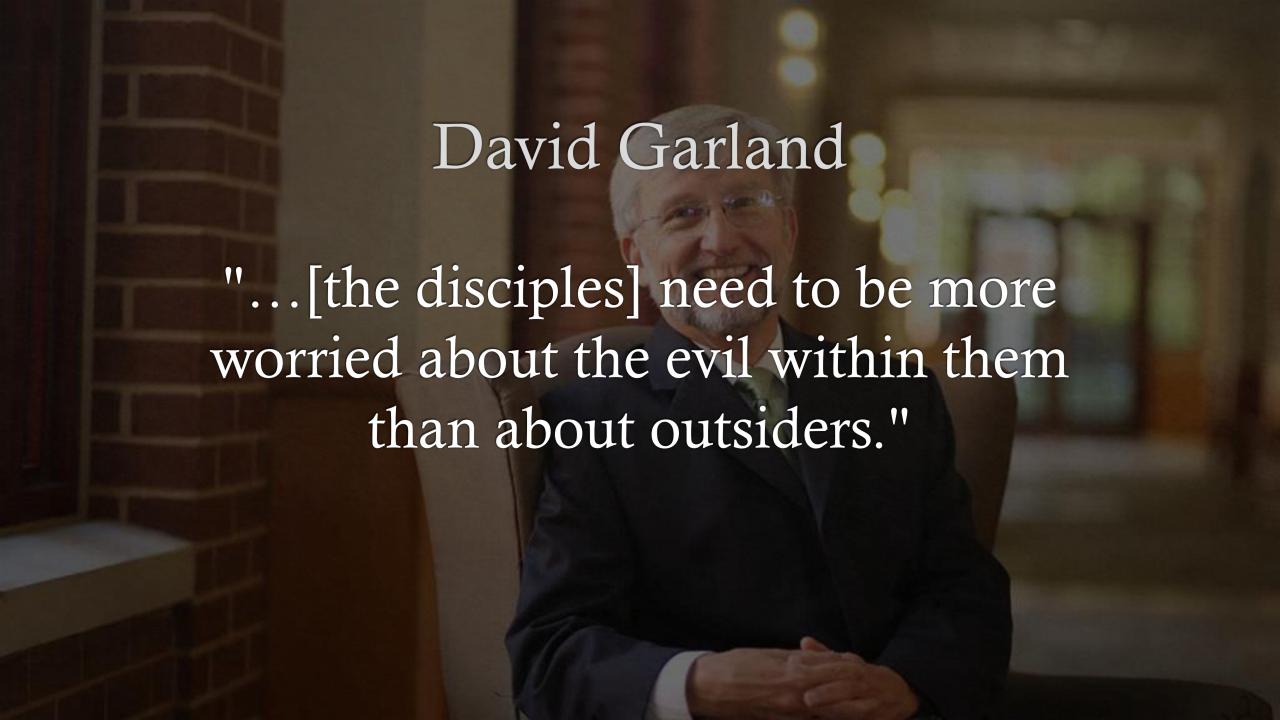
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3. Jesus reserves the strongest possible warning of judgment for people who would cause others to stumble by their divisive behaviours.

Jesús reserva la advertencia de juicio más fuerte posible para las personas que harían tropezar a otros por sus comportamientos divisivos.

4. We are called to examine our own lives with great care rather than pointing out the failure of the other group.

Estamos llamados a examinar nuestras propias vidas con mucho cuidado en lugar de señalar el fracaso del otro grupo.



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5. The path to harmony and peace is inviting God's refining working our lives.

El camino hacia la armonía y la paz es invitar a Dios a refinar labrando nuestra vida.