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Series: Mark: The Sovereign, Suffering Servant
Title: Be Killing Sin or…
Text: Mark 9:42–50

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INTRODUCTION

"Be killing sin, or it will be killing you." (John Owen)

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8:13-14)

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." (1 Peter 2:11)

I. THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

Mark 9:42 -

1) BE THANKFUL: Jesus cherishes and cares for EVERY ONE of His children!

Note: Be careful what you teach. Be careful what example you set. Be careful with whatever influence you have. Someone is watching you. Someone is learning from you.

(1 Corinthians 11:1 and 1 Corinthians 13:6)

Mark 9:43-48 -

2) BE THANKFUL: Because of Jesus' victory, we can repent of our sin and follow Him!

(Mark 7:20-23)

Note: If something is consistently leading you into sin, you cannot afford to keep treating it as something harmless, as something you simply enjoy! IT MUST GO!

Note: The word translated as “hell” is the Greek word “Gehenna,” which refers directly to the Hinnom Valley, southwest of Jerusalem. This valley had been a place of outrageous idolatry, wickedness, and human sacrifice. Godly King Josiah, in an attempt to make sure that this place would never again be used for such wickedness, deliberately desecrated this valley (Gehenna), making it the <u>standard</u> for that which is foul, stinking, rotting, and forsaken.

(2 Kings 23 and John 3:16-21)

Mark 9:49 -

3) BE THANKFUL: The fiery trials we experience as followers of Jesus are <u>refining</u> us!

(Leviticus 2:13; Exodus 30:35; Ezekiel 43:24; Romans 12:1)

Mark 9:50 -

4) BE THANKFUL: We have the privilege of continuing Jesus’ work of grace and <u>peace</u>.

(1 Peter 2:9-10)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…

1. Do you agree with John Owen’s quote *(“Be killing sin or it will be killing you.”)?* Why or why not?
2. How does Jesus demonstrate His care and concern for every single one of His followers?
3. How would you describe Jesus’ view of sin? Do you think about sin in the same way?
4. In your fight against sin, in what ways have you had to “cut off” your hand, foot, and eye?
5. Are there still remaining areas of sin and temptation that Jesus wants you to “cut out”? What are they? Would you be willing to talk with a trusted friend about this?