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THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**

That you may have certainty!



What's happening in this picture?

What's the root cause of this problem?

What will happen if this situation is not addressed?



Will this approach work?

**What is the proper way
to address the situation?**

Fill the Void

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DO NOTHING COULD BE CATASTROPHIC!

**“A war is going on, and one must choose sides.
There are no Switzerland's in this war.”**

Darrell Bock, BECNT

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NEUTRALITY INADVISABLE

WARNINGS ABOUT RESPONSE

Luke 11:24-26
Luke 11:27-28
Luke 11:29-32

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ESSENTIAL RESPONSE

Luke 11:24-26

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²⁵ Returning, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and settle down there. As a result, that person's last condition is worse than the first."

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What "house" is Jesus most likely referring to in this phrase?

Remember the demon possessed deaf man from last week.

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What does this figurative language suggest about the man Jesus healed?

The house was empty, someone moved out but no one else moved in.

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How would the man's situation be worse than when Jesus first encountered him?

He previously had been possessed by one demon but now it's eight and seven of them are more evil than the first.

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How could the man have prevented the demons from entering and settling down?

It's not enough to experience deliverance, it must be followed up with faith. A proper response is essential.

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BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE

Luke 11:27-28

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27 As he was saying these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the one who nursed you!"

28 He said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

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From the back of the crowd, a woman shouts this blessing. Why?

The tension was thick in this moment, and I think it was her way of saying, "I'm with you Jesus!"

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What does Jesus say is more important to Him than the woman's praise?

Jesus makes it clear by His reply that praise is not His main concern; responsive action is.

CALL TO REPENT

Luke 11:29-32

29 As the crowds were increasing, he began saying: "This generation is an evil generation. It demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and look — something greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching, and look — something greater than Jonah is here."

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What is the sign of Jonah to which Jesus refers in this verse?

Matt 12:40: For as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

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What gives the Queen of Sheba the right to judge them?

How would this statement have been received by Jesus' audience?

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What right do the men of Nineveh have to judge the Israelites?

The Pharisees and unbelieving Jews continue to call for signs. What is Jesus calling for?

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Simply getting rid of bad things in our house (life) is not enough, it leaves a void that something else can fill.
- We must invite God to fill our house (us) to the max so there is no room for the bad things to return.
- Doing nothing; neutrality in the face of God's miraculous work, is inadvisable. It can lead to catastrophic results.
- It is dangerous to ignore revelation; blessedness is related to knowing and keeping God's Word.
- Someone greater than Solomon and Jonah has arrived on the scene and He calls all to repentance and obedience.

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