**ANCIENT PRACTICES SERIES**

**“The Practice of Confession”**

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**Mark 9:38-50**

**John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.” ‎ “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded. ‎ “But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck. ‎ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. ‎ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. ‎ And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It’s better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ‎ ‘where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.’ “For everyone will be tested with fire. ‎ Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.”**

**Be Gracious in Jesus Name.**

**Be Supernatural and Ordinary in Jesus Name.**

**Be the Face (hands, feet and eyes) to the Name of Jesus.**

* **Live with a humble awe of His Name.**
* **AA Step 4 - “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of our lives.”**
* **Confess to Jesus: Name the sin and then put the Name of Jesus over it.**
* **Jesus Name means that: I am completely forgiven, my shame is gone and the power of sin is broken in my life.**

**Be Salt and Use the Name of Jesus.**