



MARK: THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

“Jesus: Are You With Him or Against Him?”

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Numbers 11:28 (ESV)

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.”

2 Samuel 3:39 (ESV)

39 And I was gentle today, though anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruah, are more severe than I. The LORD repay the evildoer according to his wickedness!”



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4. We would do well to believe the best about those who are not cut out of the same theological and ecclesiological cloth that we are.

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5. We should spend more time practicing the gospel through acts of mercy than measuring others by our standards.