



**Date:** April 30th, 2023

**Title:** Having It All For Nothing

**Scripture:** Luke 9:37-43

### **Introduction to Analog**

The word, Analog, means “something that is similar or comparable to something else”. Analog is designed to be a tangible way to take another, deeper, look into each week’s Sunday morning message. Individuals, friends, small groups, and families can use Analog for further discussion and exploration of the Sunday teaching. May this tool help you explore the expansive heart of God and practice love in the ways of Jesus.

### **Teaching Season**

There are several stories that cause one to wonder exactly who Jesus is. While we may be quick to offer an answer, Luke does no such thing. Rather he tells several stories of parables, interactions and miracles all leading up to Jesus asking the question himself: “Who do you say I am?” And we are invited to respond.

### **Teaching**

We explored the ways in which the subtlety in this story about the father pleading with Jesus to heal his son teaches us about opposition to the work of God in this world. Opposition that comes from without (a demon) and opposition that comes from within (wicked and perverse) and what is to be learned from this.

Listen to the teaching [online](#) or on the DCC App

**Opening Question for the Group:** Start your group discussion with the question below.

1) If you could bring back any fashion trend, what would it be?

### **Questions for Discussion or Reflection**

Here are some questions for discussion or reflection. Don’t feel like you have to cover them all, and you may have questions of your own to ask. The Spiritual Practice for this

week could be very meaningful for you or your group, so plan on 10 minutes or so for this exercise. If you are using this in a group context, read through these questions and the Spiritual Practice before your group meets to familiarize yourself with this material. You may want to send this out to the group before you meet.

1. How does it feel to consider that Jesus believed his disciples had the power to do what they believed they could not?
2. When you hear the word “demons” what goes through your mind?
3. How does God pictured as a mother change the way you view God?
4. Where do you find yourself in this story in Luke 9?

### **Spiritual Practice:**

This week for our formation practice, we invite you to listen to our guided time of prayer and reflection. You can listen to this guided prayer by clicking on the link below. You can also access the spiritual formation podcast through the DCC App.

[Spiritual Formation Podcast: Prayer of Indifference](#)