

“But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.” Luke 10:20 NLT

[lectio] // LUKE 10:8-20

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

What a moment! What a rush! Even Jesus says, “yes, I saw Satan fall from heaven.” And that is exciting. It’s exciting to have power. It’s exciting to wield power. But Jesus exhorts them and says, you know what’s even more exciting, “your names are written in heaven.” Ok, I’ll wait while you guys scratch your heads and noodle on that. What? Get excited about our names written OVER commanding demons, OVER power and authority? Yes! Because when you not only know the creator of all things, but you have relationship with the creator, it’s like a super wealthy billionaire’s kid talking buying something she wants, over something as common as money. Our relationship with God is far more powerful and authoritative than our ability to boss around a few demons. Plus, it’s way more important NOW and in the FUTURE.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
I belong to you. I am yours. I am not perfect, but I am your son and my name is written in heaven. It’s so hard to understand the value or the placement of that idea when compared to power and authority. Because I feel so human, so weak in comparison, I am constantly wanting to trade a temporary feeling of control or power or authority for something so beyond my comprehension - a relationship, a right standing with you for now and all eternity.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root