

# God’s finger is bigger than Satan’s fist

<sup>14</sup> One day Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. And when the demon was gone, the man who had been mute spoke.

The crowds were amazed, <sup>15</sup> but some of them said, “It is by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons, that He drives out demons.” <sup>16</sup> And others tested Him by demanding a sign from heaven.

<sup>17</sup> Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and a house divided against a house will fall. <sup>18</sup> If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? After all, you say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 11:14-20

## Be aware of, but not . . . . . by Satan

Principle 1 of spiritual warfare (v14):  
Jesus always . . . . . Satan always . . . . .

Principle 2 of spiritual warfare (v14):  
Satan always does . . . . .  
. . . . . harm. Luke 11:14  
. . . . . harm. 2 Corinthians 11:3  
. . . . . harm. Revelation 12:9  
. . . . . harm. 2 Cor.4:4, but Jn.9:3

Principle 3 of spiritual warfare (v14-15):  
People will . . . . .  
Some will be . . . . .  
Some will be . . . . .  
Some will be . . . . .  
1 Corinthians 2:14-15, 4:4  
. . . . . for the Kingdom is near. Matt.4:17

## Be aware of, and . . . . . by Jesus

Principle 4 of spiritual warfare (v17):  
Jesus brings, and maintains, . . . . .  
John 17:22

Principle 5 of spiritual warfare (v17-19):  
Faith is based on . . . . . and . . . . .  
Jesus wants us to use intellectual . . . . .  
Faith is a leap into the . . . . .  
God can, and does, use . . . . . 1 Cor.1:26-27

Principle 6 of spiritual warfare (v20):  
Jesus always . . . . . Satan always . . . . .

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion:

1. What would you find most difficult if you were mute (unable to vocalise any sound)?
2. Every time Jesus confronted an evil spirit, He cast it out. What are some personal applications we need to learn from His actions?
3. If you had just one sentence that you could say before you became permanently mute, what would be your last words to your family?
4. In v14-16 people misinterpreted Jesus’ actions. Which people are most likely to misunderstand your faith and your faith-based actions?
5. Why do you think a verbal expression of our faith (“you will be My witnesses”) is important to God, and to those without faith?
6. Jesus said it was “by the finger of God” He overcame demons (v20). What are three things you learn from that statement?

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