

Mark 9:14-29 “When Faith Struggles”

Mark 9:14-16

When Faith Struggles

- “I am **Not** what I used to be, But I am **Still Not** all that I should be”
- The Disciples Lack of Faith and Power in Prayer

Rejoining the Other 9 Disciples at the Bottom of Mountain

- Hassles after a Mountain Top Experience
- Greatly Amazed ... Why?
- The Argument with the Powerless Scribes

Mark 9:17-22

A Boy in Trouble

- Demonized and in Danger
- Making a Mistake with Disease and Demons

A Desperate Father

- Robbed of the Normal Things and Under Guilt

The 9 Surprised and Embarrassed Disciples.....Why Lord?

- Mt 6:7 Sent Out with Power Before
- Church History and Often Our Experience

Mark 9:19

The Two “YOU’s”

1. You....A Faithless Generation The Nation of Israel

- Plenty of Evidence and a Bad Habit of Rejection
- AmericaGod shed his Grace on thee TOO!

2. The Second You...the Disciples?

- Jesus is Not losing it...He is Patient

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- Not Yet Where They Should Be in Their Faith

Mark 9:20-24

The Two Sides to Faith

1. God is Believe-able

- Can Do the Impossible **With or Without** Your Faith

2. If You Can Believe

- Our Faith Plays a Role in Releasing God’s Power

Help My Unbelief! Reaching but Falling Short

- Noble Unbelief...and Evil Unbelief
- God Does Not Expect Perfect Faith

Mark 9:25-29

Bring Him to Me “Our Ministry Motto”

- The Demon’s Last Fit and Jesus’ Power and Touch

Why Did We Fail? Jesus Gracious Instruction

- This Kind of What? Eph 6:12 Demon Ranks?

6 Practical Ways to Strengthen Your Faith (Helping with Unbelief)

#1 By Praying Grabbing Ahold of Spiritual Weapons and Power

- 2 Tim 4:2 “Ready in season and out”...Because Stuff is Coming

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#1 By Praying Grabbing Ahold

#2 Fasting Letting Go of Physical Things to Focus on Spiritual Things

- A Lifestyle, Many Ways to Fast, Breaking Spiritual Strongholds

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#3 Feed Your Faith Rom 10:17 Faith Comes by Hearing

- Misplaced Faith and Daily Manna

#4 By Worshiping God “Worship is a Two-Way Street”

- Praying Set to Music.....Washes and Renews

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#5 Learn from Your Trials and Remember His Faithfulness

- Normal, Scheduled and an Opportunity to Learn
- Keep a Record of God’s Track Record !

#6 Keep Your Eyes on Jesus and Be Patient

- Col 3: 2 Setting Your Mind of Things Above
- Time + Patience = Stronger Faith

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The Earthquake in Armenia “A Father’s Nightmare’

“I told them you would come because you promised”

A Strong Faith comes from something _____ & _____