"Jesus Gives Us Power To Overcome Our Challenges"

Mission Bible Study

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Mark 9:14-29

- ¹⁴ And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.
- ¹⁵ And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.
- ¹⁶ And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?
- ¹⁷ And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

¹⁸ And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

¹⁹ He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

²⁰ And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

- ²¹ And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
- ²² And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
- ²³ Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
- ²⁴ And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

²⁶ And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

²⁸ And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

²⁹ And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

LESSON #1: We Sometimes Have To Go To The Valleys In Order To Combat Our Fears And Anxieties

- Peter, James, and John experienced something that they have never experienced before. They were wondering they weren't able to cast out the evil spirit from the boy because they were able to perform other miracles before.
- We need to be reminded that with faith in Jesus, prayer, and fasting we can conquer our fears and anxieties.
- Jesus is able to take us through safely

LESSON # 2: Nothing Is Too Difficult For God

- Jesus was not implying that we will always get what we want when pray, but that all things are possible if we believe that nothing is too difficult for God.
- We can't allow Satan to be victorious over us nor dictate our circumstances.

LESSON # 3: Faith In God Must Exist In Our Lives

■ Faith is an attitude of trusting and believing in God (*Reference Hebrews 11:1*)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Faith reminds us of God's assurance that He is always there for us and His renewing grace and mercy daily
- Faith begins by believing in God's goodness and truth remembering that He is who He says He is, and He can and WILL do what He says he will do
- We need to have continued faith in God even when we don't see things manifesting or materializing