

Series "The God Who Serves"
"A Faltering Faith"
Mark 9:14-29
Study-33

(Picture) The Transfiguration

Mark 1-10 – "Serve"; Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons Of Discipleship

Jesus Is Teaching His disciples A lesson On Faith: Mark 9:23

This account is recorded 3X: Matt 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43

Thought Of Our Passage: "It Is Impossible To Please God Or Experience His Power Apart From Mustard Seed-Like Faith."

1. Verses 14-18 – Desperate World

2. Verses 18-19 – Defeated Disciples

3. Verses 19-29 – Divine Solution

1. Verses 14-18 – Desperate World:

Mark 9:14

"And when they came back to the disciples," – Mark 9:2-13

Mark 9:9 – "And as they were coming down from the mountain,"

Moses came down from the mountain only to find Israel in chaos. Ex 32:19

"arguing" – "to dispute, to argue", Mark 9:17-18.

Hard lessons to learn are through failure, but they are often the lessons that stick.

Mark 9:15 – "immediately," – This word immediately 49X

"amazed," – "struck with amazement, out of their minds"

Mark 9:16-17

(Note: Neither His Disciples nor the Scribes Respond To Jesus' Question)

Matthew 17:14-15 – the Boy's father came and got on his knees before Jesus.

This Man Came In Humility. Matt 17:15 – “Lord”

Luke 9:38 – “my son, for he is my only boy,”

Possessed (Demonized) with a spirit, Mark 5

The Bible teaches Possession (Demonized). It is not a form of mental illness, but a spiritual condition which affects the physical!

Christians Cannot Be Demon Possessed (Matt 12:24-32)

“makes him mute” – (“Deaf” Mark 9:25)

Mark 9:18 – “it seizes him,” – “seizes him down”

“it dashes him to the ground” – “dashes down”

“grinds his teeth,” – “to squeak, make a shrill cry, to gnash or grind one’s teeth.”

“and stiffens out.” – (KJV) Pineth away; Old word for “drying or withering as of grass in a field”

2. Verses 18-19 – Defeated Disciples:

Mark 9:18

Jesus Had Given The Disciples Authority/Power: Mark 6:7, 13

Mark 9:19

“And He answered them and said, “O” – Which is “a deep emotional expression, Will you ever learn?”

“unbelieving generation,” – This Is The Disciples Jesus Is Speaking To!

Luke 9:41 – “O unbelieving and perverted generation,”

3. Verses 19-29 – Divine Solution:

Mark 9:19-20

The miracles of Jesus were “Living Sermons”; The demon possessed boy was a picture of the helpless sinner.

Mark 9:21-22

The problem was not with Jesus, but us! He was doubting God's ability to be able to accomplish the job.

"help us" – It means to "run to the aid of someone who needs help or to run to the aid of someone who calls for help, cries for help"

Mark 9:23

"Jesus said to him, 'If You can!'" – Literally, "If You can, are You kidding? You question my power, I challenge your faith"; Not a question of Jesus' power but of the man's faith.

This Is One of the most abused passages in the Bible – "All things are possible to him who believes."

1 John 5:14

Mark 9:24-25

Mark 9:25

There Is But One Way Out Of The Clutches Of Satan, Every Bondage, (To Place Our Faith In Jesus Christ!)

Mark 9:26-27

Romans 12:1-2

Mark 9:28-29

Application: I Want To Use Jesus' Answer As Our Application:

Jesus Gives 3 Reasons Why The Disciples Lacked The Vitality In The Moment Of Need:

1. Lack of Faith (Word) – Mark 9:19

Matthew 17:20

Romans 10:17

They had too much faith in themselves, too little in Christ. "They had trusted in the semi-magical power." They came at this problem by putting faith in a process instead of God.

2. Lack of Prayer (Power) – Mark 9:29

The lack of faith shut their prayers down. They thought they could handle it.

The Faith Which Will Be Effectual Must Be A Faith Exercised In Prayer.

3. Lack of Fasting (Practice in devotional life) – Spiritual Discipline

Matt. 17:21

