

WHY

QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE ANSWERS

PART 5

“WHY... WE FAIL IN MINISTRY”

“From the Mountain of Wonder to the Valley of Weakness”

(Matthew 17:14-20; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43)

INTRODUCTION:

• THE _____ OF THE STORY:

“And it came about on the next day, that when they had come down from the mountain, a great multitude met Him.”

—Luke 9:37

• THE _____ OF THE STORY:

1. THE _____ CONFRONTATION: (MT. 17:14-18; MK. 9:14-27; LK. 9:37-43A)

“And when they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them.”

—Mark 9:14

2. THE _____ CONVERSATION: (MT. 17:19-21; MK. 9:28-29)

“And when He had come into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately,...”

—Mark 9:28

• THE _____ OF THE STORY: A DAY OF _____ :

1. THE _____ FRUSTRATION. (V. 14-16)

- The source of his frustration was a _____ world.

“...look at my son, for he is my only boy, and a spirit seizes him,...”

—Luke 9:37

2. THE _____ FRUSTRATION. (V. 14-16)

- The source of His frustration was a _____ generation.

“O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you?”

—Mark 9:19

3. THE _____ FRUSTRATION. (V. 19-20)

- The source of their frustration was a _____ ministry.

“I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.”

—Matthew 17:16

1A. THE LORD'S _____ OF THE PRESENT _____ . (v. 14-17a)

"You unbelieving and perverted generation,..."

—Matthew 17:17

2A. THE LORD'S _____ THAT LEADS TO _____ . (v. 17b-18)

"Bring him here to Me.' And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once."

Mark's Details (8:20-27)

"They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

—Mark 9:20, 21

1B. The Father's _____ .

"I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." (v. 18b)

2B. The Father's _____ .

"And he said, 'From childhood. It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him.'" (v. 21b-22a)

3B. The Father's _____ .

"But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" (v. 22b)

"And Jesus said to him, 'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, 'I do believe; help my unbelief.'" (v. 23-24)

3A. THE LORD'S _____ OF THE DISCIPLES' _____ . (v. 19-20)

"Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not drive it out?' And He said to them, 'Because of the littleness of your faith.'"

—Matthew 17:19-20

"And when He had come into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, 'Why could we not cast it out?' And He said to them, This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

—Mark 9:28, 29

- Lack of _____ demonstrated in believing _____ .

"...for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you."

—Matthew 17:20b

CONCLUSION: