

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 28 —

THE DEVIL CAN'T HAVE OUR KIDS

We live in a world where the enemy is set on influencing our young people with distraction at least and destruction at worst. We know this because we deal with it every day in more ways than we probably realize. If our kids are going to be true disciples of Jesus then it will require us to fight alongside them with serious faith and deep conviction. In our passage today we will learn a number of lessons that will help us as we observe a desperate father bring his son to Jesus in the midst of demonic conflict. Along with this father, we must rise up and push back on the enemy as we say, "YOU CAN'T HAVE OUR KIDS."

Mark 9:14-29 - *When they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and began running up to greet Him. And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!" 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?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" 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." When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again." After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, "He is dead!" But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. When He came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not drive it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."*

THE CONTEXT OF THE CONFLICT (verse 14-18)

1. The presence of the crowd
2. The failure of the disciples
3. The arguments of the scribes
4. The desperation of the father

THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CONFLICT (verse 19-24)

1. The unbelief of a generation
2. The level of demonic activity
3. The length of time dealing with the conflict
4. The reality of doubt within the father

THE COMMITMENT TO CONQUER THE CONFLICT (verse 24-29)

1. A sincere and serious request for enduring faith
2. A renewed posture of prayer and fasting that brings supernatural breakthrough