

**MIRACLES OF JESUS
CASTING OUT THE EVIL SPIRIT**

3-27-22

Devotional: Read:

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Question: What do you think this verse means?

SORT-A KIND-A FAITH

Question: Have you ever had a time in your life where you had sort-a kind-a faith?

Question: What do you think causes that kind of faith?

Question: Can you share a time when you had great faith?

Mark 9:16-18 - "What are you arguing with them about?" (Jesus) asked.¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech."¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

Question: Can you share a time when someone you loved was hurting?

Mark 9:19-22 - "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him.

Mark 9:22b - But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

Question: Have you ever had a time in your life where you felt like "if you can?"

Question: Have you ever had a time in your life where you felt like "if you will?"

Mark 9:23 - "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Question: What do you think Jesus is saying here?

Mark 9:24 - Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Question: Share with us a time when you felt that way?

exclaimed: *krazo* (*krad'-zo*); to "croak" (as a raven) or **scream**, to call aloud, to shriek.

OBSTACLES TO REAL FAITH

- SIGN **DEMANDING** FAITH.

Question: What is the danger of looking for a sign?

- SECOND **HAND** FAITH.

Matthew 16:15 - "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Question: Why would a person have second hand faith?

- SELF **CENTERED** FAITH.

Question: Tell us about a friend of yours that has self-centered faith? (LOL)

HOW DO WE DEVELOP REAL FAITH?

- IMMERSE YOURSELF IN GOD'S **WORD.**

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. NKJV

Question: What stops you from spending time with God's word?

- **ACT** ON GOD'S WORD.

James 2:26 - As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Question: Share a time you acted on the word of God?

Mark 9:25-27 - When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

Daniel 3:17-18 - If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Question: What do you think this verse means?

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Question: If you could only choose one: "IMMERSE YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD, Or ACT ON GOD'S WORD, which do you think God wants?
