

ALL

Things

are

Possible

Mark 9:14-29

The Setting
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Mark 9

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14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

Mark 9:14-29

17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

18 "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

Mark 9:14-29

19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood."

Mark 9:14-29

22 "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:14-29

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

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

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28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." (NKJV)

Faith Lesson #1
Distracted Disciples

a) Disputing with the Scribes

- **What were they disputing?**

b) Absorbed by selfish desires

- **(vs 33) Another time: "Who is the greatest?"**

The Jesus Remedy

(vs 35) "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

c) Why are we disciples so easily distracted and powerless?

- **(vs 28 -29) Because of our lack of prayer and fasting.**

**Prayer & fasting bring
focus & effectiveness!**

Jesus & Disciples

- ✓ **They can't, He can**
- ✓ **Distracted vs Focused**
- ✓ **Powerless vs Powerful**

Why the difference?*

Jesus & Disciples

† **Why the difference?**

- **Jesus did NOT say, because I'm God and you are NOT.**
- **Prayer & Fasting**
 - ✓ **Done in the proper way, brings effectiveness.**
 - ✓ **Spend time with the One who can, the One who is focused and the One who has the power.**

Father & Son

Contrast The Transfiguration & this story.

The Son - full of light



son – full of darkness

The Father – full of pleasure



father – full of despair

The Son – speaking with Moses & Elijah



son – mute, unable to speak

The Son – full of the Holy Spirit



son – full of the enemy

Faith Lesson #2

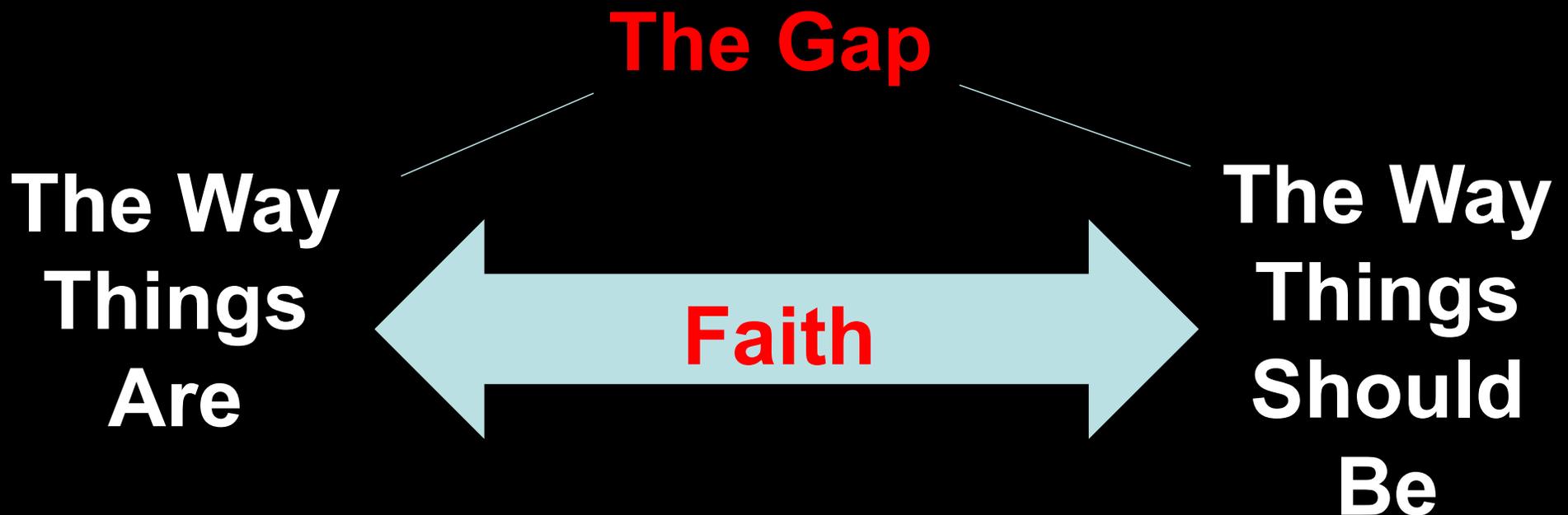
All things are possible to those who believe.

(vs22) father: But if you can do anything...

(vs23) Jesus: If you can believe...

Revelation: Faith in the LORD opens possibilities.

Can you see the reality of the problem and still believe in the possibilities of God?



Faith Lesson #3

***Lord, I believe, help my
unbelief***

- **Be Honest**

- **Pretending is an awful thing.**

Our Faith Struggle is real.

- **Some problems threaten our faith in the goodness of God.**

What does unbelief look like?

**Jesus is willing to work with you
thru all this!**

The Miracle Happens

- **Jesus delivered this tormented boy.**
- **Jesus intervened for this parent who had imperfect faith.**

**It's not based on the quality
of your faith, but upon
God's Everlasting Faithfulness!!!**

Faith Lesson #4

Jesus has all authority & power.

† Jesus rules & reigns and He cares.

- **Authority mixed with Compassion**
- **Power to command evil spirits, tenderness to help a child.**
- **Power to command faith, willingness to help someone struggling with their faith.**
- **Power to correct His people, patience to walk with them until they get it right.**

Remember Jesus' Lesson to Disciples

(vs 29)

**"This kind can come out
by nothing but
prayer and fasting."**

Which One Are You?

- 1) The one in bondage?**
- 2) The desperate one crying out?**
- 3) The distracted & powerless disciple?**
- 4) Like Jesus?**

(vs 23) "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Trust