

Help

MY

Unbelief

Mark 9:14-29

The Setting
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Mark 9

Mark 9:14-29

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.

Mark 9:14-29

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

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."

Mark 9:14-29

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!"

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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)**

Problem #1
Distracted Disciples

a) Distracted by the fussing

- **Disputing = arguing, fussing, stirring up trouble**

What were they disputing?

Question

**How much of our disputing over
“minor” things, has distracted us
from the “major” things?**

What is the “major” thing here?

b) Absorbed by selfishness

- **Mark 9:33** “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."

The Tragedy

**The Disciples were powerless to help
this man and his son.**

**(vs 18) Dad: So I spoke to Your
disciples, that they should cast it out,
but they could not**

Jesus was Grieved by the Disciples

(vs 19)

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

(It's as if Jesus expects His people to walk in His authority & power)

Jesus & the Dad

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

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

The Revelation

Jesus:

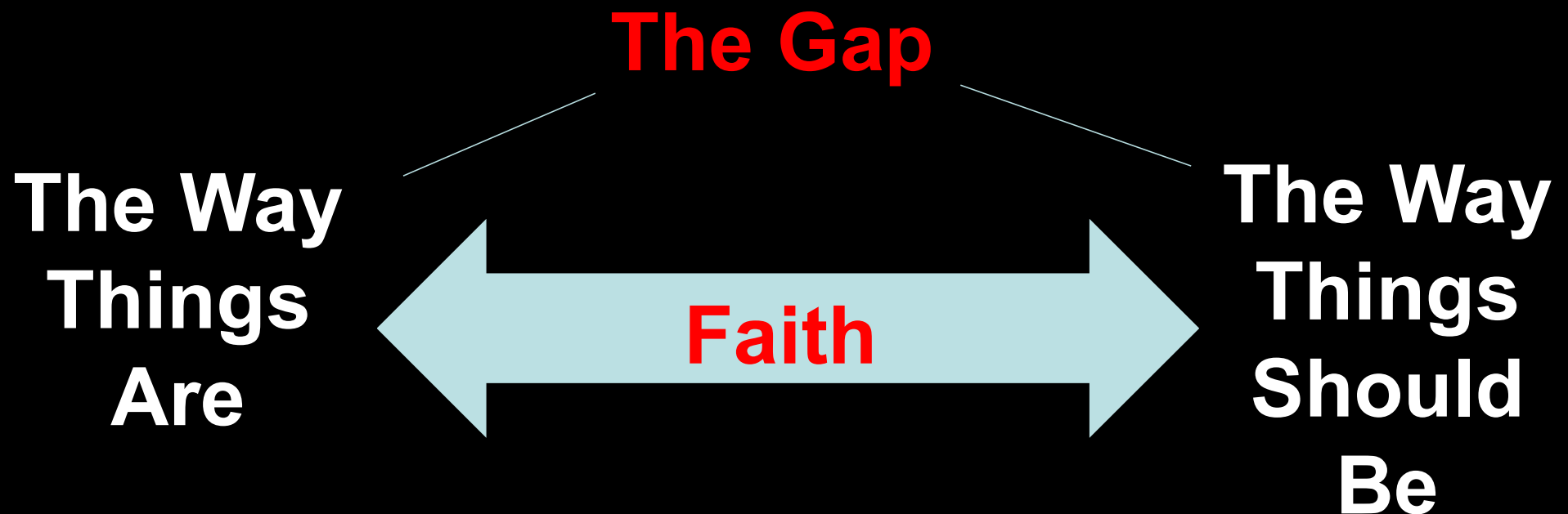
**All things are possible to
those who believe.**

Our Journey with Jesus

**Jesus is taking us into the
reality of God where all
things are possible.**

Trust

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



**LORD, I believe,
help my unbelief**

- **Be Honest**

- **Pretending is an awful thing.**



Help = come to my aid, come join me and rescue me,
carry me to where I cannot go on my own

Good News

Jesus came to help you!

**Jesus is not waiting on your faith
to be perfect and pristine. He
responds to the cry of a humble,
honest heart.**

Beloved, this is how we walk with Jesus. We bring both our trust and our lack.

- Our good and our bad**
- Our strength and our weakness**
- Our faith and our doubts**

We ask Jesus to make up for what we are lacking.

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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
The Faithfulness of Jesus!!!**

The Big Question

(vs 28) And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately,

**"Why could we not
cast it out?"**

Jesus

(vs 29)

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

This Kind...

- 1) Demonic Strongholds
- 2) Unbelief

LORD, I believe

HELP

my unbelief!

The Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

**25 The LORD make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;**

**26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**