

The Gospel of the King

Faith, Doubt, and the Power of Jesus

Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)

Consider the scene ...

An _____ and _____ crowd

The _____ and _____ disciples

A _____ and _____ boy

A _____ and _____ dad

And Jesus – ready and able to _____, but dismayed at the lack of _____ all around Him

An amazing (and honest) statement: *"I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Some reasons for the father's doubt (and *ours* sometimes):

_____ – This has gone on _____!

_____ – You can't imagine how _____ this has been!

_____ – I've _____ of places and people to turn to!

Some lessons we need to learn from Jesus' response:

Whatever the _____ and whatever the _____, Jesus' _____ is never in question. (v.23)

Our _____ is somehow tied to God's _____. (But maybe not like we think or have been told)

Thankfully, _____ or _____ faith was not required by Jesus (or else almost all of us would be hopeless).

Jesus not only _____ to our faith; He also _____ the faith we need!

So, what do I do when my faith is weak?

In short, be honest and _____!

But there's more to the story here:

And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, *"Why could we not cast it out?"*

And he said to them, *"This kind cannot be driven out by anything but **prayer**."*

Nothing _____, _____, or _____ faith like prayer!

And *what sort of praying* are we talking about here?

Sidebar:

Please see the devastating _____ and _____ of evil!

This evil is what Jesus came to _____ (1 John 3:8)

... and not just in the demon-_____, but in the demon-_____ and demon-_____! (Eph. 2:2)

This is why Jesus is headed to the _____!

My response to God and His Word today: