

Sermon: Plea to Help our Unbelief

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Scripture: Mark 9:15-29

I. We are afraid to trust the _____ of Christ.

Mark 9:15–29; Matthew 16:16-18; Jeremiah 2:4–6

II. The father does not trust _____ . 22b- 24

1. There is a fear to trust because of past experiences. Matthew 11:28

Matthew 11:29-30

II. The Bible supplies the faith needed. Romans 10:17

III. A key to overcoming unbelief is _____ .

Philippians 4:4–7

IV. Prayer opens the door for _____

produced faith. Luke 11:10–13; John 14:26-27; Galatians 5:22–23

Thought for the day The Bible tells in Hebrews 11:6 ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The opposite of faith is unbelief. In this story a Father is desperate to see his son cured of a demonic possession. Jesus says to him if you have enough faith anything is possible. The father began the dialogue with the word “if” to Jesus. If you can will you heal my son. Jesus gives him the opportunity to ask God to help with his faith. Faith is not automatic after we get saved. God uses many things to help us grow our faith. **Dr.**

Wiersbe writes: *The main lesson of this miracle is the power of faith to overcome the enemy (Mark). Why had the nine disciples failed? Because they had been careless in their personal spiritual walk and had neglected prayer and fasting (Mark 9:29). The authority that Jesus had given them was effective only if exercised by faith, but faith must be cultivated through spiritual discipline and devotion.* This is what we are to do in our walk with God. Studying the Bible, praying, and serving helps us experience the power of Christ which enables us to trust. Our if you can handle this change to when you handle this let its conclusion be for your glory. Any answer to prayer which brings glory to God is always for our good. We can always trust that. **Pastor Bruce**