

WHEN JESUS DELIVERS

Mark 9:14-32
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The POWER and FREEDOM
of Jesus:

Identifying What Is Real vs.
What is Phantom

When Your Faith Trusts Him for That Which You Cannot Do For Yourself

- Identifying Your "Stuff" and His "Stuff"
- Principle of the Kingdom:
 - You Do What You Can
 - Leave the Rest to God
- Real Wisdom = Know which to do...

Mark 9:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶‘What are you arguing with them about?’ he asked.”

Mark 9:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, ‘Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever 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.’”

Mark 9:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁹‘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.’ ²⁰So 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.”

IDENTIFY THE PRESENTING PROBLEM
Mark 9:17-20

- Epileptic Boy
- Violent Seizures
- Mute (and Deaf)
- “Foams at mouth, gnashing his teeth, becomes rigid. . .”
- Threw Him into the Fire or Water

Mark 9:21-22 (NIV)

“²¹Jesus 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. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.’”

IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS
Mark 9:21-22

- Real or Phantom
- Disciples Lacked Effectiveness (18)
- Impotent Prayer/Faith: “**IF** you can . . .” (22)
- “Help my unbelief” (24)

**EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE
TO THE ONE
WHO BELIEVES (23)**

**"I DO BELIEVE; HELP ME
OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF"
(24)**

Mark 9:25-27 (NIV)

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

- **NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE;**
- **NO MATTER WHAT YOU'V DONE;**
- **NO MATTER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU;**
- **NO MATTER WHAT YOU NEED . . .**

**JESUS KNOWS;
JESUS UNDERSTANDS;
JESUS DELIVERS!!!**

- JESUS DELIVERS**
- **He identifies the issue/need.**
 - **He discerns what is needed.**
 - **He deals with you personally & respectfully.**
 - **He delivers!**

Mark 9:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?'

²⁹He replied, 'This kind can come out only by prayer.'

So why isn't it working?

- Why couldn't we drive it out?
- Only comes up by prayer (and fasting).
- Everything is possible to those who believe.

Mark 9:30-32 (NIV)

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.' ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it."

- That IS why it's called "faith"!
- Faith = Active Trust
(not wish, nor hope, nor passive)
- Faith = ENGAGEMENT
 - Couples in Love
 - Military Exercise

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No matter what you've done.
No matter what has happened to you
No matter what you need . . .
Jesus knows . . . And He Delivers!**
