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# FAITH

Strengthening Your Faith Mark 9: 19-24

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19 And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!" 20 They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

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<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

#### 1. The Nature of Little Faith

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Mark 9:22

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." Matt. 17:19-20

#### 2. The Qualities of Little Faith

- Little faith is hindered by circumstances.
   Matt. 16:1
- Little faith is weakened by worry. –
   Matt. 7:30
- Little faith is frightened by fears. –
   Matt. 8:25-26
- Little faith is hesitant by doubts. Matt. 14:31

#### 3. The Promise of Faith

And Jesus said to him, "If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23

When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Matt. 9:28

#### 4. The Response of Growing Faith

Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

Mark 9:24

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater. 2 Thess. 1:3

### Daily use – Steps to Strengthen Your Faith

- Ask the Lord to strengthen your faith.
   Luke 17:5-6
- Trust completely in God's word and His promises. Matt. 7:8
- Wait for God to answer in His time.
   Matt. 15:27
- Jesus always responds to our faith in Him. Matt. 15:27-28

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