

A Guy Who “Sort Of” Believed

Mark 9:17

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

Brought: *Krateo* (*krat-eh'-o*); Use Strength, To Carry, Seize Or Retain.

Mark 9:18-19a

¹⁸ Whenever 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.” ¹⁹ “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

Mark 9:21-22

²¹ Jesus 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.”

Why Do Many Of Us Doubt?

- God Doesn’t Do What We Would Do.
- We’ve Tried Things That Didn’t Work.
- Many People Around Us Express Doubts.

Diluted, Polluted, Partial, Faltering Faith

Mark 9:22b-24

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.”

²³ “If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

Exclaimed: *Krazo* (*krad'-zo*); To "croak" (as A Raven) Or Scream, To Call Aloud, To Shriek.

Unbelief: *Apistos* (*ap'-is-tos*); Actively Disbelieving, A Passively Untrusting Person.

- **Be Honest About Your Faith Struggles.**

Mark 9:24

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

- **Act On The Faith You Have.**

James 2:26

²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Real, Committed, Deep, Sincere Faith

Daniel 3:17-18

¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us^[a] from Your Majesty’s hand.¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”