



Mark 9:22 and 24

“Help me overcome my unbelief”

Things to notice in Mark 9:14-29

1. The “teachers of the law” (religion) was _____ able to help the man.
2. Jesus disciples were _____ able to help the man, on their _____.
3. The entire time, the man was seeking _____ – not the religious leaders or the disciples.
4. Jesus called them an “unbelieving generation” because the _____ was right in front of them (“Bring the boy to me”), yet they were arguing among themselves.
 - a. which group should be the ones to try again
 - b. what the other group had done wrong
 - c. whether it was their fault, the boys fault, or the fathers fault
5. Jesus only got _____ when the man said, “If you can do anything ...”, not when he saw what the demon was doing to the boy.
6. Jesus did not say that if you believe strongly enough, it is _____.

Nor did Jesus say that if you believe strongly enough, it is more _____.

What Jesus did say was that if you believe (have faith in Jesus), any outcome is within the _____ of a sovereign God.

*John 14:14 You may ask me for anything **in my name**, and I will do it.*

7. The man’s response illustrates both his belief (faith), and an acknowledgment that there was room for _____ belief (faith) in his life.
8. Jesus _____ to the man’s faith, honesty, sincerity, and desperation.

In this situation, the **best outcome** for the boy, his father, the disciples, the teachers of the law, and Jesus was for the demon to be cast out. This may **not** always be true.

9. When Jesus said, “This kind can come out only by prayer” – he was telling them that they needed to _____ God in the process, not just their own strength and merit.

The work “Kind” indicates variety in the angelic realm, probably rank, and _____.

Application from verses 22, 24, and 29:

1. We too, way too often, come to God with the _____ question and/or attitude.
 - a. “If you can ...”
 - b. “If you can ... then you will ...”
 - c. “If you don’t ... then you either _____, or don’t _____.”

2. The question and/or attitude we should come to God with is _____.
 - a. “If it is your desire that ...”
 - b. “If it is not your desire then ...”
 - c. “Whatever you choose to do, I _____ to follow, trust, and obey.”
 - d. “This is my _____, **help me** achieve it.”

3. “Help me overcome my unbelief” is our long term, lifelong _____ goal.
 - a. Help me get to the place a faith and acceptance _____.
 - b. Help me to spend _____ time wasting away in stress and worry.
 - c. Help me question God’s love, actions, motives, and plans **less and less**.
 - d. Help me have _____ that God is with me, no matter what.

4. Like casting out this demon, sometimes we _____ do it without God.

Our next series: I believe, Help my unbelief

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