

Leading Generations Into A Life-Changing Relationship With Jesus Christ.

From Powerless to Powerful:

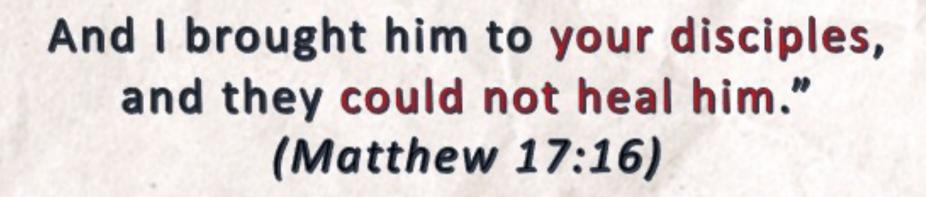
The Journey of Faith

Matthew 17:14-20

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

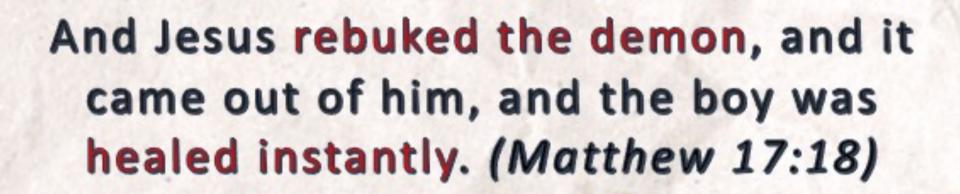
(Mark 9:14)

a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water (Matthew 17:15)



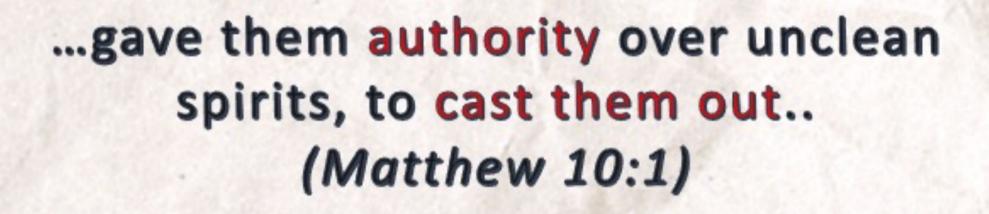
And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me."

(Matthew 17:17)



Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

(Matthew 17:19)

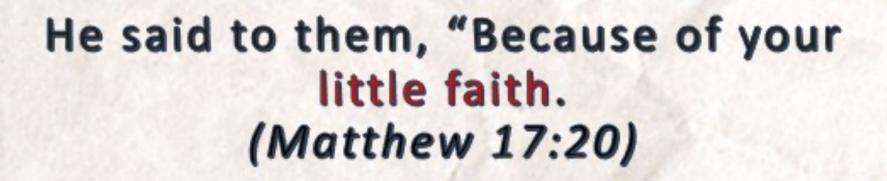


...gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out..

(Matthew 10:1)

And they cast out many demons..

(Mark 6:13)



He said to them, "Because of your little faith.
(Matthew 17:20 ESV)

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief (Matthew 17:20 KJV)

For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

(Matthew 17:20)

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- 1. The Problems of Unbelief
- 2. The Person to Believe
- 3. The Power of Belief

1. The Problems of Unbelief

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"Why could we not cast it out?"

1. The Problems of Unbelief

Reason:

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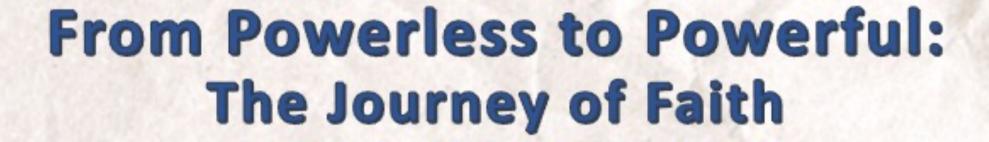
1. The Problems of Unbelief

Two manifestations of selfdependence:

- Fear and doubt
- Overestimate oneself



It's not about the strength of your faith but the object of your faith. Even mustard seed faith in a great God is sufficient.



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looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

To overcome unbelief and have faith in Jesus, deepen your knowledge of who He is and build a personal relationship with Him.

2. The Person to Believe

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

(John15:5)

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You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. (James 4:3)

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