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Kick Off For 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Mark 9: 27-29


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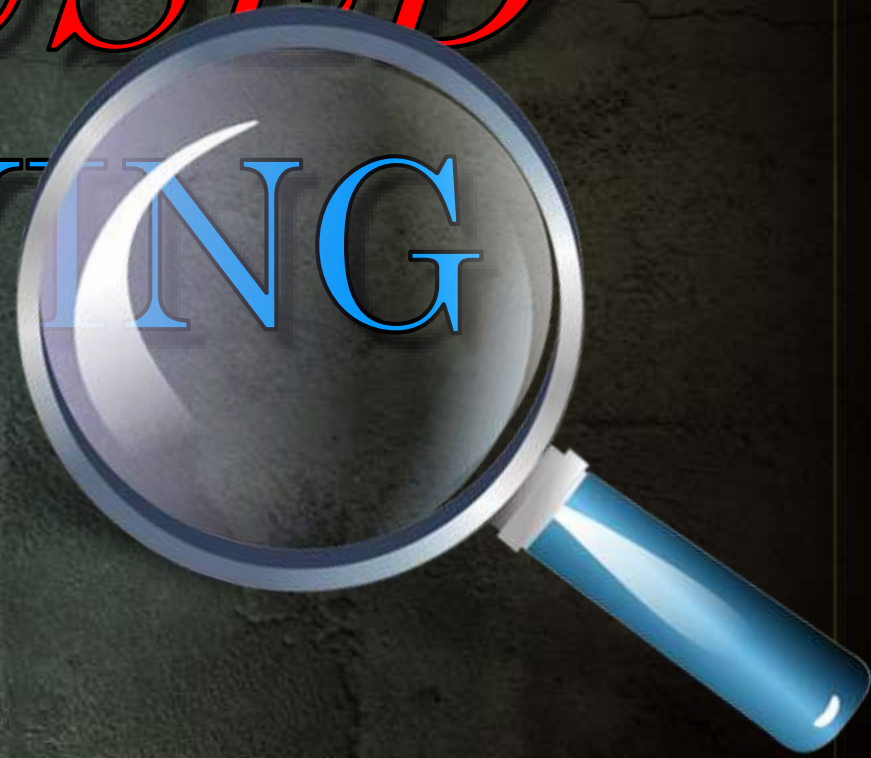
27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."-- (NKJV)



Mark 9:27–29

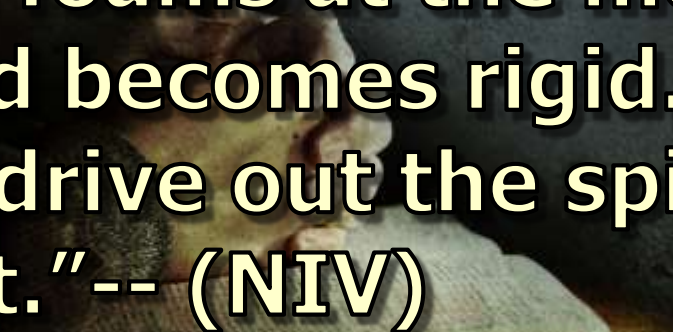
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1. The Lack of Spiritual Power.

Mark 9:17–18¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. 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."-- (NIV)



A. The Problem Is **Real**.

Mark 9:17¹⁷ . . . , I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk.--
(NLT)



B. The Problem Is Serious.

Mark 9:18¹⁸ And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. . . ." -- (NLT)



C. The Problem Will Not Be Solved By Arguing.

Mark 9:14¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.-- (NIV)



D. Desire Alone Is Not Enough.

Mark 9:17–18¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn’t do it.”-- (NLT)




E. Past Victories Are No Guarantee

**Mark 6:12–13¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.-
- (NIV)**



F. The World Is Watching .

Mark 9:14¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.-- (NIV)

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2. The Lord of Spiritual Power.

Mark 9:15¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.-- (NIV)



A. Jesus Is Concerned.

Mark 9:16¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.-- (NIV)



1 Peter 5:7

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.-- (NIV)



B. Jesus Is Grieved.

**Mark 9:19¹⁹ Jesus said to them,
“How unbelieving you people
are! How long must I stay with
you? How long do I have to put
up with you? Bring the boy to
me!”-- (GNB)**



C. Jesus Is Cautious.

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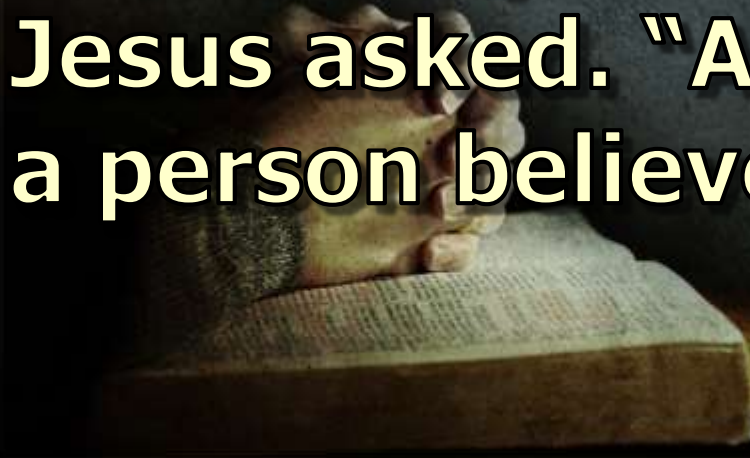


D. Jesus Is Capable.

Mark 9:22–23²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”²³

“What do you mean, ‘If I can’?”

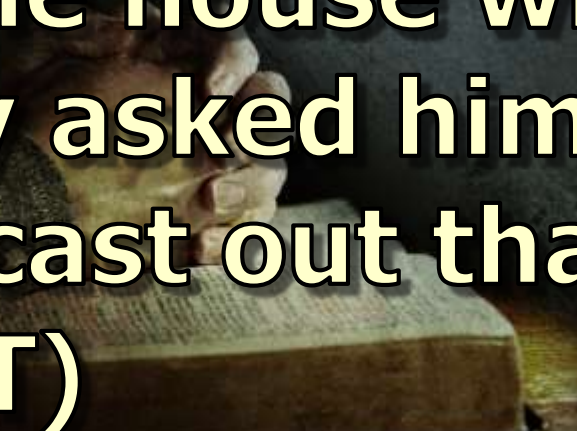
Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”-- (NLT)



3. The Lessons of Spiritual Power.

Mark 9:27–28²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸

Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, “Why couldn’t we cast out that evil spirit?”--
(NLT)

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A. We Must Make Spiritual Power a Priority.

Mark 9:17¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk.-- (NLT)



B. We Must Be Persistent

Mark 9:22²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”-- (NLT)



C. Spiritual Power Requires **Faith**.

Mark 9:23²³ " 'If you can'?"
said Jesus. "Everything is
possible for him who
believes."-- (NIV)



D. Spiritual Power Requires **Prayer**.

Mark 9:29²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."-- (NKJV)



E. Spiritual Power Requires Fasting.

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