

FAITH IN MOTION

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Mark 9:17 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 9:18-19 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. "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you"

Mark 9:21-22 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "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.**

Mark 9:22-24 But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." 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.**

1) BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR FAITH STRUGGLES.

- Mark 9:24 "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

2) ACT ON THE FAITH YOU HAVE.

- James 2:26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

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Daniel 3:17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king.

Daniel 3:18 But EVEN IF HE DOES NOT, we want you to know, O king, that WE WILL NOT SERVE YOUR GODS or worship the image of gold you have set up."