

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Spiritual Auto-Pilot

Text: (Mark 9:14-29) (Matt 17:9-14)

(Vs 1-13) Peter, James, John were on a retreat,
Having a mountain top experience.
(Explain the Transfiguration)

1. The Defeated Apostles: (Mark 9:14-16)

The 9 were in an embarrassing situation in the valley.

(VS 14)

Casting Doubt: They weren't doing anything.

Inflammatory Statements: to Shame you into silence.

(VS 15-16)

(1 Pet 3:15-17)

Remember: The Critic really doesn't want an answer.
It's for those silent curious ones watching.

2. The Distressed Father: (Vs 17-18)

Our Best Efforts cannot defeat the World, The Flesh,
& The Devil! (Is 64:6)

3. The Disappointed Christ: (Mark 9:19)

Jesus includes His disciples in this rebuke.
The scribes were no more effective either.

4. The Demented Boy: (Mark 9:20)

Again: Proof it was demon possession & not Epilepsy.

The Devil will not give up easily! (Mark 1:24)

(Vs 21)

Many of our sinful habits & Appetites are developed
as children & teenagers.

(Vs 22)

Seizures caused a lack of Self Control & Coordination
(Matt 17:15)

The devil always destroys his play things.

(James 4:6-10)*7 "*Resist the devil*"

Satan's biggest lie is "*that he doesn't exist!*"

2nd Big Lie: "*It wont happen to you!*"

**"but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion
on us, and help us."**

"If" & *"Canst"* = No Faith in Christ.

5. The Divine Promise: (Mark 9:23)

The Key to the Power of God is Faith.

God's Power is unlimited.

God can DO Anything, except make you believe.

What Moves the Hand of God? (Heb 11:6)

Believing He is Able.

Humbling our selves & Asking to do so.

(Vs 24)

"Best I Know how, I am believing Your Word!"

We can help bridge the Gap with others also!
(Matt 18:18-20)

We can help bridge the gap with the lost to be saved if we only but Believe, Submit, Pray, & Receive.
(2 Pet 3:9)

(Vs 25)
Healings demonstrated Christ's Deity by his power over the Natural World!

His Authority over Demons demonstrated His deity by power over the Supernatural World!

(Vs 26)
The Devil launches one last ditch Attack!

The Devil is a Murderer: (Jn 8:44)
(Vs 27) Resurrection! (Lk 9:42)
Just like Jarius' Daughter. (Mark 5:41)

This is a Demonstration of Vicarious Faith!
The is a Demonstration of Intercessory Faith

(Vs 28) The Disciples are astonished.
Jesus had given them power to do this a year prior.
(Mk 3:14-15)
(Mk 6:7,13)

What happened?

Overconfidence from their past successes.
(Mk 6:12-13)
Do You Believe YOU HAVE the Power?

Jesus said: B/c of Their Unbelief: (Vs 19)
Jesus includes His disciples in this rebuke.
Walking in the Flesh.
Operating in the Flesh.
Relying on the Flesh.

(Mark 6:6) *He marvelled because of their unbelief.*

(Matt 17:20) *faith as a grain of mustard seed,*
Its not the size of my Faith!
It is the size of the object my faith is in!
It is Living Faith in Divine Omnipotence!

(Heb 11:6)
(Mark 9:23)

Apparently, during the Lord's Absence, they had grown careless in their Spiritual Walk.

It is Important to stay Spiritually Fresh.
Danger: Existing on Spiritual Auto-Pilot
Living off a Former Mountain top experience.
You never know when Life is going to happen.

The disciple's lack of faith was a big Concern of Jesus.

The Storm on the Sea of Galilee: (Mk 4:40)
Lack of Faith Resulted in Fear.

Another Storm on the Sea of Galilee: (Mark 6:50-52)
A Hard Heart: led to a Lack of Faith.

Unbelief & Their lack of Prayer & Discipline.

(Mark 9:29)

Prayer is Faith In Action!

Prayer is the Vehicle of Faith!

Faith is Exemplified in Prayer.

The Greater the Degree of Prayer,

Likely, The Greater the Degree of Faith!

(Matt 17:20)

(Mark 9:23)

(Mark 9:29) **This Kind**

Are you facing greater challenges than before?
You cannot Face Today's Challenges with Yesterday's
Grace.

Yesterday's Victories set a track record to draw from.
Yesterday's Victories, Are not Today's Victories.

Are you finding yourself in the same devotional
pattern with Less & Less answers from God?

JESUS said unto them, This kind **“can come forth”**

What ever you are facing, although a greater
challenge than before, **CAN COME FORTH!**

(Vs 23) *This kind can come forth!!!!*

Nothing is outside of God's Reach.

Nothing is outside of God's Power.

***This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer
and fasting.***

PRAYER:

(1 Jn 3:22)

(1 Jn 5:14-15)

(Ps 37:1-9; *4)

We are so distracted by the NOISE of Our Lives.

How long has it been since you UNPLUGGED ?

You are going to Face a “This Kind” of a problem

It is going to take you going to God for MORE!

***This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer
and fasting.***

FASTING:

Fasting offers this enhancement. - Humility.

(Ps 35:13) *I humbled my soul with fasting;*

God told Solomon, when His people Humbled
themselves in Prayer, He would hear them.

(2 Chron 7:14) Secret Sin robs us of Spiritual Power.

Fasting is a Faith Multiplier:

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& The Devil! (Is 64:6)

(Vs 23) Well, Do YOU Believe?

Are we failing to appropriate by Faith all the Power
the Lord has in Himself?

Power: He is Willing to make us the Recipients of?
Are you facing a “THIS KIND” of challenge?

**We need to be a Demonstration of Intercessory
Faith!**

Someone needs us to believe God,

The Boy's Father stands as a Monument of Faith.
Timid yet True, Small yet Surmounting.

Someone needs us to Submit to God in Prayer.

Sinners in bondage to Satan.

Deaf to God's Truth.

Dumb in utterance to His praise

Someone needs us to break open the closed doors of
our hearts & release the healing power of the Christ!

**We have to become a “THIS KIND” of a
Christian.**

We have to develop a “THIS KIND” of a walk with
God.

We all have a “THIS KIND” of a lost loved one.

We all have a “THIS KIND” of Health problem.

We all have a “THIS KIND” of a Financial Problem.

We all have a “THIS KIND” of a spiritual attack.

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Its not the size of my Faith!

It is the size of the object my faith is in!

It is Living Faith in Divine Omnipotence!

Where there is Faith, even as small as a Mustard seed,
The Impossible, The Unimaginable, Become Reality.

(Heb 11:6)

Either God IS, or He Isn't.

Either God DID, or He DIDN'T.

Either God CAN, or He CAN'T.

NOW Which Is IT?

(Mark 9:23)

LORD! I Believe, Help thou my unbelief!