

THE GOSPEL OF MARK "Everything is Possible"

Mark 9:14-29 (NIV)

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

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. 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."

¹⁹ "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

Believe!

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered.

²² "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."

²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."



From Failure to Faithfulness

Failure!

14-18

Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 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. 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."

Frustration!

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Faith!

20-24

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Freedom!

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Faithfulness!

28-29

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the
wisdom to know the difference.
Living **one day at a time**,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as the
pathway to peace.
taking, as Jesus did, this
sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.
trusting that You will make
all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

Faith Scriptures (NIV)

Matthew 9:22 ²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

Matthew 9:29-30 ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; ³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."

Matthew 15:28 ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 17:19-20 ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 21:21-22 ²¹ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. ²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Mark 5:34 ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 10:52 ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 11:22-24 ²² "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

John 14:12-14 ¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Luke 7:50 ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 17:5-6 ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

Luke 17:19 ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Luke 18:42-43 ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God.

Acts 6:8 ⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Acts 14:9-10 ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk

Names of God

(not all inclusive, but several from the scripture)

Yahweh	LORD (Jehovah)	Exodus 3:15
Jehovah-jireh	The LORD will provide	Genesis 22:14
Jehovah-nissi	The LORD my banner	Exodus 17:15
Jehovah-shalom	The LORD is peace	Judges 6:24
Jehovah-shammah	The LORD is there	Ezekiel 48:35
Jehovah-rapha	The LORD who heals	Exodus 15:26
Jehovah-saboath	The LORD of hosts	1 Samuel 1:3
Jehovah-raah	The LORD my shepherd	Psalms 23:1
El Roi	The God who sees	Genesis 16:13
El Shaddah	The all sufficient One	Genesis 17:1
El Elyon	The God most high	Numbers 24:16
El Olam	The everlasting God	Genesis 21:33

Attributes of God

God is Supreme	Highest in rank, authority
God is Sovereign	Holding the position of ruler; royal; superior to all others
God is Omnipotent	All powerful, having unlimited power, almighty
God is Omniscient	Having infinite knowledge; knowing all things
God is Omnipresent	Present in all places at all times
God is Immutable	Never changing or varying; unchangeable
God is Faithful	Constant, loyal, reliable, steadfast, unwavering
God is Holy	Spiritually perfect or pure, sinless, deserving worship
God is Just	Right or fair, impartial, lawful, upright
God is Wise	To know or to see, keep perception, discernment, always making right decisions
God is Eternal	Without beginning or end, existing through all time
God is the Creator	The one who brought the universe and all matter and life in it to existence.
God is Good	Virtuous, excellent, upright; God is essentially, absolutely and consummately good.