

LEARNING TO LEAN ON JESUS (Mk. 9:14-29)
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TEXT--Mk.9:14-29

THE DISCIPLES FAILURES (Mk.9:14-18)—When Jesus and his friends left the Mount of Transfiguration and returned to the valley, they found the other 9 disciples struggling. They were unable to deliver a demon possessed boy and were debating with the Scribes, who probably were mocking them.

Mk.6:7

Eph.6:10-12

Jer.17:5-10

THE LORD'S REBUKE (Mk.9:19-24)—Jesus addresses His disciples and the concerned father regarding the subject of faith and unbelief (**V19**). Through His rebuke to the disciples and His words to the concerned father, Jesus points out our continual need to have faith in Him (**V20-24**).

Mk.8:34

Jas.4:6, 10

This reflects our need for faith in God. God is the source and object of faith. Faith comes from Him and He is the One we're to focus on and look to regarding all circumstances and outcomes. Faith Pleases God (Heb.11:6**). Activities done without faith are sinful (**Rom. 14:23**); Faith is the victory (**1 Jn.5:4-5**).

THE LORD'S DELIVERING POWER (Mk.9:25-29)—With a simple word of command, Jesus expelled the demon and set the boy free to return to his father (**V25-27**). Once the disciples were alone with Jesus, they asked Him to explain why they failed to deliver the boy and Jesus gave a simple but powerful key to faith (**V28-29**).

Matt.17:20-21

*****The Power of Persistent Prayer & Devotion**—Just as persistent exercise & nutrition results in increased health & strength, likewise persistent exercise in the spiritual disciplines of prayer and time in God’s word results in increased faith and confidence in God.

Lk.18:6-8

Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*The authority that Jesus had given them was effective only if exercised by faith, but faith must be cultivated through spiritual discipline and devotion.*

MAIN IDEA—God delivers us from self-dependence and strengthens our faith as we lean on Jesus through persistent prayer.

MEMORY VERSES—**Matt.7:7-8**