

POWERLESS CHRISTIANITY

Mark 9:14-29

INTRODUCTION:

1. We have a lot of powerless Christians.
2. We are powerless because our walk and talk with Christ is less than what God desires, and we are capable.
3. (vv. 14-16) A crowd gathered to hear and see the disciples' ministry.

I. (vv. 17-18) THE DISCIPLES' SITUATION.

1. (v. 17) A father has a sick son.
2. (v. 18) The disciples are stumped.

II. (vv. 19-22) THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAVIOR.

1. (v. 19) Jesus was disgusted with the faithless disciples.
2. (v. 20) Jesus's presence & power disturbed the demon.
3. (v. 21-22) Jesus openly established the critical dilemma.

III. (vv. 23-27) THE DILEMMA PUBLICALLY STATED.

1. (v. 23) Jesus publicly called for faith.
2. (v. 24) The father openly stated his faith.
 - A. The father's heart was broken.
 - B. The father cried to Jesus to remove any unbelief.
 - C. Heb. 11:6 – ***But without faith, it is impossible . . .***
3. (vv. 25-27) Battle between the unholy & Holy Spirit was fierce.
 - A. (v. 25) Jesus commanded the demonic spirit out and leave.
 - B. (v. 26) The demonic spirit convulsed the boy, leaving him seemingly lifeless.
 - C. (v. 27) Jesus took the boy's hand, and he was lifted.

IV. (vv. 28-29) THE DELIVERANCE KEY PRIVATELY STATED.

1. (v. 28) Disciples asked Jesus why they couldn't cast demon out.
2. (v. 29) Jesus told them how this kind comes out.

CONCLUSION:

1. In order to have power in prayer, we must have faith.
2. We must pray specifically to the Lord.
3. Fasting helps us to focus on praying to the Lord as our priority.