

WHEN YOUR FAITH IS FRAGILE

Mark 9:14-27

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“But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” And Jesus said to him, “‘If You can!’ All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father cried out and began saying, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”

Mark 9:22-24

Have you experienced times when your faith was fragile?

1. Fragile faith often comes from great disappointments.

And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it.” Mark 9:17-18

- A. You are facing heartbreaking circumstances.
- B. You don’t know why you are facing these circumstances.
- C. You come to church and don’t find God’s power to help.

2. Fragile faith needs to look beyond fragile disciples.

And He answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!” Mark 9:19

- A. The Lord is able to handle your problems.
- B. The Lord is willing to handle your problems.
*And a leper *came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and *said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Mark 1:40-41*
- C. The Lord is working through your problems.

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

3. Fragile faith needs to learn an important lesson.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Matthew 17:19-21

A. Prayer is the avenue to strong faith.

But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

B. Prayer is the evidence of strong faith.

There is hope for your fragile faith, but you must take action.