



Mark 9:17-29 (NIV) ¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever 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." ²⁰So 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. ²¹Jesus 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."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵When 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." ²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

I Have Enough Faith to...

1. Come to Jesus and _____.
2. Be _____ with Jesus.
3. Not _____.

Want to Go Deeper?

- Write down an area where you have trouble trusting God. Ask Him daily to strengthen your faith.
- Try this experiment in your prayer time: instead of praying what you usually pray, be very real with God and pour out your heart to Him. See the Psalms for examples.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Memorize Mark 9:23-24.
- Read *Power Through Prayer* by E.M. Bounds.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!