

SERIES TEXT: "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" - Jesus, Mark 9:23-24 NIV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Try praying for a week and see what happens.

There's a Right Way & There's a Wrong Way

The Healing of a Boy

Mark 9:14-32 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."

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."

30) They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,

31) because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

32) But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

| There's a Wrong Way | There's a Right Way |
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| <u>Argue</u> , Bicker, and Fight Against Other People (v. 14) | <u>Run to Jesus</u> Together (v. 15) |
| Place Your Confidence in <u>People</u> to Fix All Your Problems (v. 18) | Trust in <u>Jesus</u> to Rescue You from Your Troubles (vv. 19-20) |
| <u>Hold On</u> to Your Skepticism and Unbelief (v. 22) | Repent and Place Your Absolute and Unceasing Faith in Jesus (vv. 23-24) |
| <u>Be Negative</u> , Speak Death, and Do Nothing to Help Those in Need (v. 26b) | <u>Be Positive</u> , Speak Life, and Lend a Helping Hand (v. 27) |
| Lean on <u>Your Own Understanding</u> (v. 28) e.g., He < We | Depend on the <u>Power of Prayer</u> (v. 29) e.g., He > We |
| Allow Urgent Needs and the Busyness of Life to <u>Choke Out Time with Jesus</u> and Ignore His Word (vv. 30-31a) | <u>Take Time to Be Alone with Jesus</u> and Learn from His Reviving Word (vv. 30-31) |
| Stay Afraid, Tangled in Your Fears, and <u>Don't Ask Questions</u> (v. 32) | Conquer in Christ and <u>Ask Him for Help</u> with Untangling Your Knots (v. 32) #TryPraying |

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Dear Jesus: I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen