

Trusting Jesus | Mark 9:14-29

Intro: Good Morning Church, Turn in your Bible to Mark 9:14-29

- ◇ We are continuing to walk our way through the book of Mark and last week we saw Jesus call his disciples to have complete devotion to him.
- ◇ This morning we are going to spend some time here in Mark 9 looking at the Jesus' call for us to trust in him

Lets Read Mark 9:14-29

- ◇ A few months ago, me and Doug went on a trip to **attend a funeral**. Lawson's father had passed away and me and Doug were going to attend the funeral.
- ◇ We were told it was in Blackhawk. Not being from the Delta I had no idea where this was, so I trusted Doug did and he was driving.
- ◇ So I get in the car with Doug and he takes off, and I blindly trust he knows where we are headed. Then we turn on a road that says, "Bridge Out 7 Miles Ahead".
- ◇ Me being very observant and wanting to help Doug out let him know about the sign, which he disregarded because he trusted there would be a detour.
- ◇ 7 miles later we both come to realize that there is no detour.
- ◇ So here we are: I trusted Doug, Doug trusted the detour, and we were both disappointed.
- ◇ **Maybe this has happened to you? You trusted a map, or your gps, or someone's direction only to end up being lost somewhere.**
- ◇ **Well this morning we want to look at this question of trust as we consider Mark 9.**

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- ◇ But as we look at this question of Trust, What Do You Trust In?
- ◇ Mark 9 shows us that.....

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- ◇ In our world and time there are so many places for us to rest our trust in.
- ◇ **Trust in:** a job, a spouse / family, finances, the government / political leader, your reputation, a religious person / pastor, technology, or a lifestyle.
- ◇ But our passage shows **Jesus challenging his disciples to have faith and trust in him** as well as a desperate father to have trust in Him.
- ◇ **King David** knew this truth and need to trust in God as he wrote Psalm 40:4 and Psalm 62:8
- ◇ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ; Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before him. God is our refuge.
- ◇ We know from the life of David all the ways God proved he was **trustworthy**.
- ◇ And here in Mark 9 Jesus shows us **3 ways to develop** our trust in him as well.
- ◇ First we see we need to...

1.) Remember Who He Is (v.14-19)

- ◇ This story begins with a **stark contrast** from the previous passage of the Transfiguration.
 - Glory to an argument.
- ◇ Disciples have **failed** to help a **father** in need.
 - Son with demonic spirit
- ◇ **Demonic spirits are not a common subject** we talk about.
 - In the bible.
 - A spiritual world/realm we are a part of.
- ◇ **Satan seeks to steal, kill, and destroy in the life of this boy and in our lives as well.**
 - **One of the best ways Satan tricks us is by making us think he doesn't exist. Let this story remind you.**
- ◇ **Rebuke and lament**
 - To his disciples
 - Faithlessness & How long
 - "I won't be here forever, when will you get it!"
- ◇ **Argument with the scribes**
 - About their **ability** to cast out spirits
 - Concerned about themselves
 - **Lost sight** of who gave the authority.
 - Leave a father still hopeless.
- ◇ **They** wanted to cast the demon out, **they** wanted the story to tell, but **they** also forgot under whose authority **they** were operating.

- ◇ They **lost sight of Jesus** and who he was and what he could do, they **trusted themselves** over their savior.

- ◇ This so often is the case with our own trust in Jesus.
- ◇ We seek to tackle every problem, circumstance, and issue with a **trust in ourselves** or something else and
- ◇ If things go **bad, then** we can trust in Jesus.
- ◇ **Tried to rely on previous connection with Christ in the past to empower them in the present.**
 - not a 1-time event, then you move on with life.
 - **Daily remembering** who Jesus really is.

- ◇ I want you to listen as I try to remind you of who Jesus is.
- ◇ Immanuel – God with us (Matthew 1:23)
- ◇ Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John1:29)

- ◇ The Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- ◇ The Light of the World (John 8)
- ◇ The Gate for the Sheep (John 10)
- ◇ The Good Shepherd (John 10)
- ◇ The Resurrection and the Life (John 11)
- ◇ The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 11)
- ◇ The True Vine (John 14)
- ◇ Our Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)
- ◇ Our Mediator (1 Tim 2:5)
- ◇ The Living Stone who, rejected is our cornerstone (1 Peter 2)
- ◇ The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5)
- ◇ The Root of David (Rev 5)
- ◇ The beginning and end / alpha and Omega (Rev 1:17)
- ◇ The Christ / Messiah & Savior (Luke 2, John 4, Eph 5)
- ◇ Lord (Rom. 5:1)
- ◇ Jesus / Yeshua / the Lord Saves (Matt 1:21)
- ◇ **He is enough.**
- ◇ **He is trustworthy.**

- ◇ **ILL: Amber & Ballet Magnificent**
- ◇ **How in the world does a ballerina spin all those times and not get dizzy.**
- ◇ **Find a place to focus on that guides them each spin.**

- ◇ **When it comes to trusting in Jesus our lives can feel like it is spinning in circles.**
 - **student** with classes to attend and all the decisions to make for your future.
 - **young parents** with little kids running around the house.
 - **retired** who feel more busy now than when they were working.
- ◇ Life can make us dizzy, but if we remember who Jesus is, he can be the place we put our focus and our trust.

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- ◇ Remember Who He Is.

2.) Realize What He Can Do (v.20-27)

- ◇ After lament and rebuke, he asks for the boy to be **brought** to him, and they do.
- ◇ Jesus **draws out the dad** with the question of **how long** this has been happening – from childhood.
- ◇ Can you image the **desperation and doubt** in the father?
 - From childhood this has been his situation.
 - Tried everything.
 - The disciples could do nothing for him.
- ◇ “**If you can**, please have compassion on us, help us.”
 - Last Hope
- ◇ **If I can?** Not a question of **ability**, but of **faith/Trust**.
 - Of course, Jesus can, but do you believe, do you trust him to do it?
 - Heb 11-Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen.
- ◇ Father’s answer, I believe, help my unbelief.
 - It is so **pure**, so **honest**, and so **desperate**.
 - I don’t have much, but what I do have is resting on you. Please help!
- ◇ Little imperfect faith in Jesus is enough for Jesus to fulfill his part of the promise.
- ◇ With just his **word**, he dispels the spirit and forbids it from coming back.
- ◇ Not **dead**, but a picture of what is to come.
- ◇ **Literal translation of v. 27** “Jesus raised him, and he was resurrected.”
- ◇ In that moment the Father and now the son **realized** just what Jesus could do. His power, his compassion, and his faithfulness.
- ◇ **Not a verse to use to use faith to manipulate God.**
- ◇ **Power is connected to promise.**
- ◇ **ILL:** I have the privilege of teaching church history for NOBTS just 30 min north at Parchman Prison.
 - Men who realize what they have **done**, how much they have been **forgiven**, how much they **love**, and how much Jesus has **changed** them.
- ◇ I have the privilege of getting a front row seat each week realizing what Jesus can do when trust is put in him.

- This is **rock bottom**, in desperation they are calling out, **If you can, please help me.**

- ◇ Where are you **not trusting** Jesus because you **don’t realize** what he can do?
- ◇ How would you **call out for help** if you could?
 - My **marriage** is falling apart, can you help me?
 - My **addiction** is overwhelming, can you help me?
 - I am in need of a **job**, can you help me?
 - My **spouse**, or **family** member, or **child** does not know you Jesus, can you help them?
 - I’m so busy, stress, and full of anxiety, can you help me?
 - I need to make can you help me?
- ◇ We can go to Jesus, He is the same one the Father runs to, we can too.
- ◇ We **forget** what he can **do**.
 - **Change** a sinner into a saint.
 - Bring us from death to life.
 - Make new what was broken
 - Bring you from darkness to light.
- ◇ Jesus shows us that it is not the **amount** of faith that matters, but the **object** of your faith.
- ◇ The father has **feeble** faith, but it **placed** in the right person.
- ◇ In Matthews account of this same story, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”
- ◇ If you have **trusted Jesus for salvation**, if you have trusted him with your payment for sin, you have trusted him for forgiveness and mercy. **Can you not trust him in all things?**

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- ◇ Realize What He Can Do.

3.) Rest in His Process (v.28-29)

- ◇ **Privately**, the disciples want to know. Why couldn't we do that?
 - They **had been given authority** to cast out demons in chapter 6.
 - They had success beforehand.
 - But now they failed.
- ◇ Why could **WE** not cast it out?
 - **Past experience does not create present dependence.**
 - They were trusting in previous power given to them, previous experiences with Jesus.
- ◇ Prayer is **acknowledgment** of your **need** for Jesus, an action of trust.
- ◇ They cannot do it because they were depending on self, and not God in prayer.
- ◇ **How often do we have this mindset.**
 - My **previous** experience with God for **present** needs.
 - I trusted Jesus when I got saved, why is my life **falling apart.**
 - Trusting in Jesus is **not a one-time thing**
 - **Daily** trust in Jesus.
- ◇ **Trusting in Jesus is a daily habit.**
 - Everyday we call out, "I believe, help my unbelief."
- ◇ This growth in trust happens through prayer.
 - This is Jesus' process he offers his disciples and to us.
- ◇ **ILL: Prayer like a thermometer for our trust and dependence on God.**
 - Madi at dance recital, shivering, does she have fever?
 - Prayer is the thermometer of trust in God.
- ◇ **Am I trusting God? When was the last time I prayed to him?**
 - Am I taking all my needs to him first and foremost?
- ◇ **The disciple's disappointment showed their need for prayer.**
 - Your **needs** or circumstances are **opportunities** for you to **trust** Jesus.
- ◇ **The Purpose of Redemption is relationship.**
 - Jesus wants you to be **WITH HIM.**
 - Fellowship with Him.
- ◇ **Walking with Him in prayer is his process of growing your trust in him.**

Conclusion

- ◇ As we conclude, you must answer the question for yourself.
- ◇ What Do You Trust In?
- ◇ **Unbelievers:** Never trusted in Jesus
 - Trust in your money, job, family, of yourself.
 - It will let you down
- ◇ **Believers:** Not a moment but lifetime of trust.
 - Where is Jesus building trust for him in your life?
 - Is the thermometer of prayer showing you trust in Jesus?
- ◇ **Both:** Trust in Jesus
 - You might not have Christianity all figured out, ok.
 - You might have doubts, ok.
- ◇ The strength of the faith is not the issue, but where does it rest. Does your trust rest in Jesus, as shaky as it might be.

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- ◇ **Remember Who He Is**
- ◇ **Realized What He Can Do**
- ◇ **Rest In His Process**

Time of prayer / singing

After I will be in the next steps area

- ◇ Talk about following Jesus
- ◇ Pray with you
- ◇ Answer questions about becoming a member.

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