



“Jesus, In His Feelings”

1. READ

Scripture: Mark 9: 14-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As 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.

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“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Mark 9; Isaiah 53; and Matthew 8

REFLECT



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We are in week #3 of Pastor Watley’s latest series entitled “Running on Empty”. This week Pastor’s sermon title is “Jesus; In His Feelings.” In Pastor’s introduction, he has us think about the picture or image of Jesus that we are accustomed to knowing. Pastor challenges us to know that will Jesus was all-powerful Jesus was also human. Jesus was fully God and fully man at the same time. Jesus felt hurt and hurry and other feelings that we currently feel as well. Pastor shares the line “We like the mighty God imagery of Jesus more than we do the suffering servant imagery of Jesus.” The problem with that Pastor Watley shares is that we then have in mind a Jesus that is unattainable and can’t relate to us, which is false. Jesus can relate to us and that was the reason He came to earth in the first place.



This is encouraging because when we find ourselves running on empty, we can hold fast in what the writer of Hebrews wrote in the 4th chapter and the 15th verse “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.” So, it is not odd that we find moments in scripture where Jesus displays some emotion, just like the moment in our scripture today. Pastor outlines in the sermon this situation and says that Jesus had to feel frustrated because Jesus was dealing with these kinds of people:

- Transactional People – they only wanted him because of what they could get from him and not simply to be in his presence.
- Trifling Trainees – they had been taught by Jesus but they hadn’t learned what they should have by now.

Not only did Jesus have to deal with these kinds of people but He was also dealing with a “Tragic Circumstance” as the father needed someone to heal his child. This is what made Jesus upset but even when he was upset, he still said “bring the boy to me.” Pastor shares here that this is how God is with us, we can be in the wrong but because He is God, He will do what needs to be done on our behalf. Pastor encourages us to:

- Feel what we feel and not to fixate on it.
- Feel what we feel and don’t let it define you.

We need to get at the root cause of our feels and know that God allows it so we can be pushed to a place where we can make a change. Let’s know that if Jesus could be in His feelings so can we but we must go to Him in these moments.



1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï Why do you think the disciples couldn't help the father?
- ï How do you think the father felt once the son got to Jesus?

Discussion Questions

- ï When was the last time you were honest about your feelings and took them to Jesus?
- ï What tools or resources do you have in order to help you in moments of need as it relates to your feelings?