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## THE POWER OF FAITH OVER A DEMON

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and scribes disputing with them. <sup>15</sup>When the whole crowd saw him, they were amazed and ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup>He asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

<sup>17</sup>Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. <sup>18</sup>Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."

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<sup>19</sup>He replied to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>"How long has this been happening to him?" Jesus asked his father. "From childhood," he said. <sup>22</sup>"And many times it has thrown him into fire or water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to him, "'If you can'? Everything is possible for the one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the boy cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!"



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<sup>25</sup>When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Come out of him and never enter him again."

<sup>26</sup>Then it came out, shrieking and throwing him into terrible convulsions. The boy became like a corpse, so that many said, "He's dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus, taking him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up. <sup>28</sup>After he had gone into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

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