

Blockbuster Summer — Week 3

Help My Unbelief • Mark 9:14–29

Opening Question: What if the prayer God has been waiting on is not the one you have been polishing, but the one you have been embarrassed to pray?

“I know God can...” vs. “Will He do it for ME?”

Big Idea: God doesn’t want your polished faith. He wants your honest faith, even when it’s mixed with doubt.

Key Scripture

Mark 9:14–24 — A father brings his suffering son to Jesus after the disciples are unable to help. His honest cry becomes the heart of the message: “**I believe; help my unbelief!**”

1. Your Struggle Is Real — Don’t Pretend It’s Not

Mark 9:17 — “Teacher, I brought my son to you...”

Psalms 22:1–2 — Even Scripture gives language to moments when God feels far away.

Psalms 34:18 — The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Key Thought: The gap isn’t where Jesus leaves you. It’s where He draws near to you.

Notes:

2. Your Doubt Is Real — Don’t Perform Through It

Mark 9:22b–24 — The father moves from “if you can” to the honest confession, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

James 2:19 — Simply believing that God exists is not the same as trusting Him.

Romans 8:26 — The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, even when we do not know how to pray.

Key Thought: The gap isn’t where faith dies. It’s where faith **GROWS**.

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3. Your Prayer Is Real — Don't Stop

Mark 9:25–27 — Jesus commands the spirit to leave, then takes the boy by the hand and lifts him up.

Mark 9:28–29 — Jesus tells the disciples, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Key Thought: Desperate faith is stronger than polished religion.

Isaiah 43:2 — God promises His presence through deep waters, rivers of difficulty, and fire.

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Personal Response

What is your “IF”?

Prayer: Lord, I believe You can _____.

But I am struggling to trust You will. Help my unbelief.

Daniel 3:17–18 — God is able to save us... *but even if He doesn't*, we will remain faithful.

Final Notes / Takeaway:
