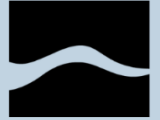


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS AUTHORITY OVER UNBELIEF

Mark 9:14-29



BIG IDEA: Jesus demonstrates his authority over every unbelieving heart.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

“When was a time in your Christian life when you genuinely wanted to trust God, but doubt, fear, or confusion made it difficult?”

What forms of unbelief show up in this passage, and how does Jesus respond to each one?

Why do you think Jesus allows the disciples to fail in casting out the demon? What does this reveal about dependence, prayer, and self-reliance?

How does the father’s prayer, “I believe; help my unbelief,” model honest faith for Christians today?

APPLY

Where are you facing a situation of “total inability,” and is it pushing you toward Jesus or away from him?

Do you believe God is not only able but willing to help you? Where do you need to bring weak or conflicted faith to him?

Is there a situation right now that looks like the Lord’s plan, or is obedience to it making things worse? How might this actually be his deliverance in disguise?

Where has self-sufficiency replaced prayer in your life (e.g., parenting, ministry, purity, decision-making, or daily dependence)?

COMMIT

This week, I will intentionally pray about one area where I have been operating in my own strength—asking Jesus to replace my self-reliance with humble dependence. Write out a simple prayer to get you started.