

## Jesus Heals and Reunites Families

### Luke 9:37-42

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- **This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!**
- This was a **Mountain Top** experience!
- **Mountain Tops** and **Valleys**

**Luke 9:37:** Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

They came down to disputing scribes, a devastated father, a demon-possessed boy, and defeated disciples.

Jesus silenced the scribes, had compassion on the father, rebuked the demons, healed the boy, and instructed His disciples.

**Luke 9:38:** Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child."  
( Matthew- "He came kneeling down" )

- Kneel
- Stand
- Sit
- Fell on their faces
- Lift hands

**Luke 9:39:** And behold, a spirit (v.42 demon) seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

**Luke 9:40:** So I implored Your (9) disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

**Luke 9:41:** Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

**John 5:39-40:** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

**Matthew 23:37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

**Luke 9:42:** And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

- The demonic seeks to steal, kill and destroy children!
- The demonic abuses children leaving parents helpless!
- Jesus **HEALED** this child!
- Jesus **RESTORED** and **REUNITED** this broken family!

**Mark 9:21:** So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood."

**Mark 9:22:** And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

The Devil is a **MURDERER**! (John 8:44)

**Mark 9:23:** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

**Mark 9:24:** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

**Mark 9:28-29:** And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**Ephesians 6:11-14:** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand...

## HC- Study Guide

- **Jesus Heals & Reunites Families**
- Luke 9:37-42
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As we put the gospels together we find Jesus came down the mountain to **disputing scribes** (Mark 9:14), a **devastated father**, a **demon-possessed boy**, & **defeated disciples**.

Jesus **silenced the scribes**, **had compassion on the father**, **rebuked the demons**, **healed the boy**, & **instructed His disciples**.

## Points To Ponder

1. In our text we learn that the Christian life has both mountain top experiences and valleys. Valleys often follow the mountain top experiences. Remember fruit is born in the valley not on the mountain top.
2. In our text, we find the demonic realm targeting a child.
3. Jesus helps and has compassion on those who turn to Him.
4. Jesus heals and reunites families!
5. Prayer and fasting is the **KEY** to overcoming the demonic realm.

## Questions To Ask

1. **Matthew 17:14** tells us the father came **kneeling down**. What does **kneeling down** communicate?
2. What are some other postures of prayer found in the Bible?
3. What do we learn about the demonic realm in our story?
4. How do you see the demonic realm targeting children today?
5. Cross referencing **Mark 9:23**, what are **YOU** personally believing Jesus for?
6. How does the father's prayer in **Mark 9:24** speak to you? "**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**"

7. Why couldn't the disciples cast the demon out of the boy?
8. Can you share how **prayer and fasting** has been powerful in your life and/or family?
9. Are you planning on joining our church this January 22-28 for **HUMBLE** our annual week of **prayer and fasting**?