

THE WORKING OF A DESPERATE FATHER

MARK 9:14-29

I. A FATHER'S DEVOTION

- He parented his son from childhood (v21)
- He never gave up but was with his son through challenges (v22)
- He perceived his son's spiritual chains (v17)
- He presented his son to Christ (v14-18)

II. A FATHER'S DISAPPOINTMENT

- He was discouraged by a decade of demonic damage (v21)
- He was disappointed by the disciples (v18)

III. A FATHER'S DETERMINATION

- He asked for compassion from Jesus (v19-22)
- He accepted Jesus' correction (v23)
- He quickly put his confidence in Jesus (v24)

IV. A FATHER'S REJOICING

- Jesus exposed and expelled the demonic spirit (v25)
- Jesus gave life to His son (v26-27)
- Jesus explained the disciples' spiritual shortage (v28-29)