



The Messiah We Didn't Expect

Matthew 6:30 & Luke 12:28: Rebuking anxiety about daily needs (clothing/food). O you of little faith?

Matthew 8:26: Questioning fear during the storm on the sea.

Matthew 14:31: Addressing Peter after he begins to sink while walking on water.

Matthew 16:8: Rebuke regarding the forgetting of bread (miraculous feeding).

Matthew 17:20: Mentioned in the context of the inability to cast out a demon.

[Mat 6:30 ESV] 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

[Luk 12:28 ESV] 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

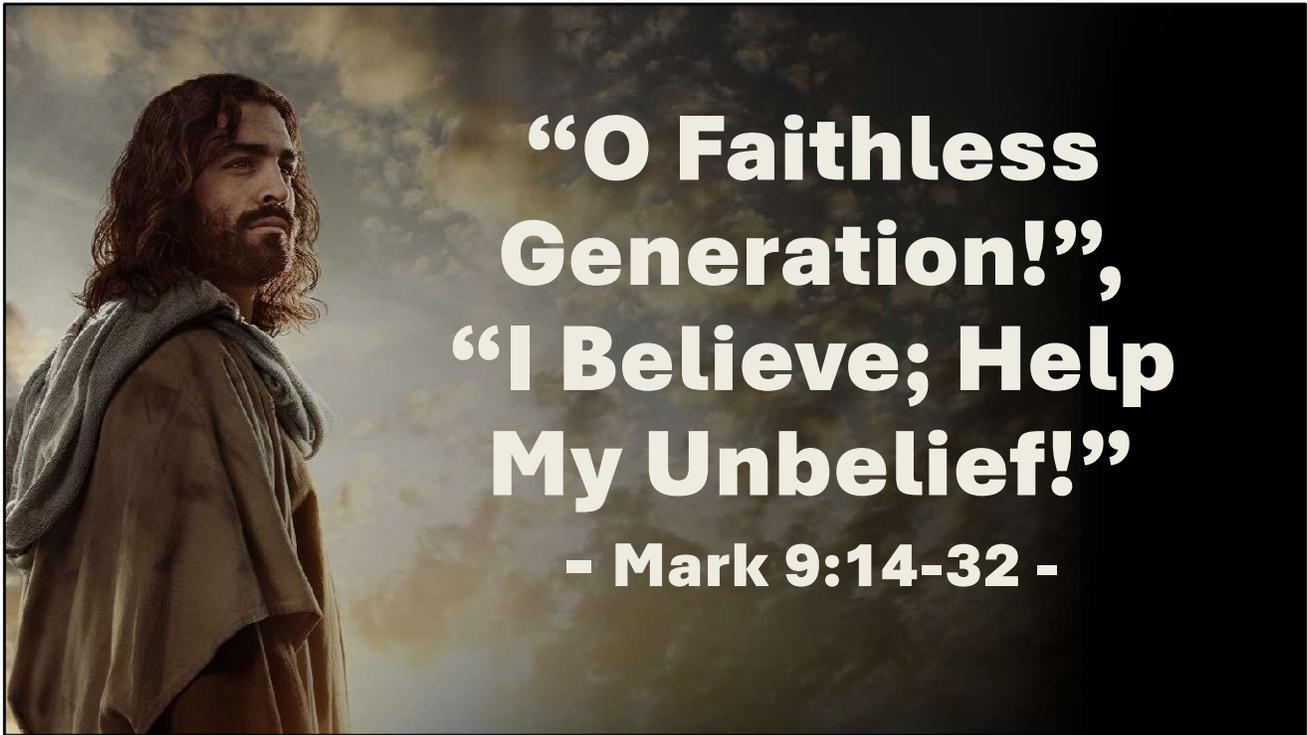
[Mat 8:26 ESV] 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

[Mat 14:31 ESV] 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

[Mat 16:8 ESV] 8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?"

Mat 17:20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.“

This is the Mark 9 parallel. Yet there was Little Faith, there was some!



Mar 9:14-32 “O faithless generation!”, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

Our text shows we can't stay at the peaks, we have to step back down into the world, but which prevails? The incredible experience or the overwhelming problems?

Which disciples were most anxious to talk? The Transfiguration 3 or the rest of the disciples dealing with a demonic boy and desperate Dad?

How many demons did Jesus encounter? How many did he fail to command?

Why were some demon possessed different from others?

How did Jesus address those gathered, His diagnosis?

Jesus took issue with the Fathers question “If you can do anything...help us”, why?

Are all doubts sinful? Are there different kinds of doubt?

What is the answer to doubt? On another occasion the disciples asked for more faith and Jesus rebuked them for that! What's the difference? **Luk 17:5-10**

Do you agree? A wise man never knows all; only a fool knows everything

How do you battle doubt?

Why is Jesus so disappointed in our “unbelief”?



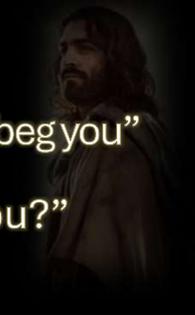
I love this picture!

([Mat 17:14-21](#); [Luk 9:37-42](#))

Do we really see His glory any less? Here? Then up on the Mt. of Transfiguration

Mountains Are Inevitably Followed by Valleys

- Luke 9:37 – On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.
 - They saw a great crowd ‘running’ to/around them – Mark 9:14
 - And scribes arguing with them – Mark 9:14, 16
 - Behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you”
 - “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you?”



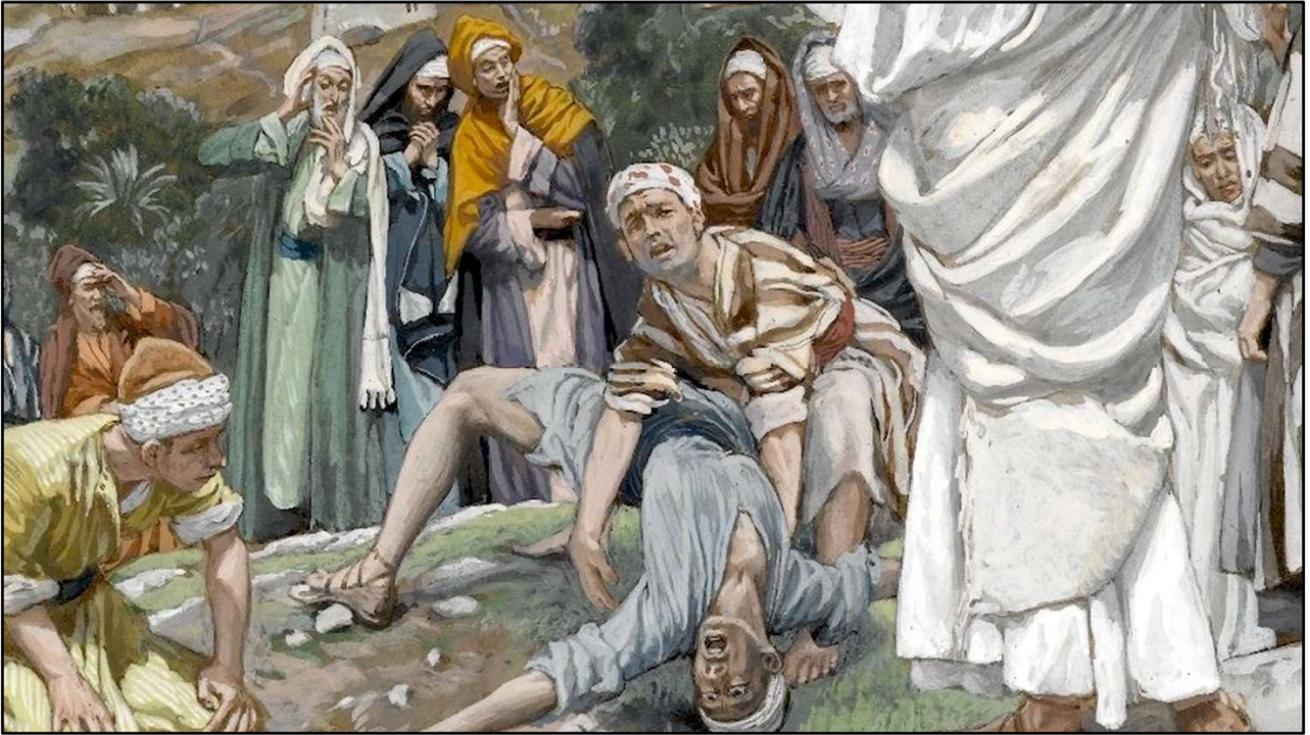
From Horizontal geographical Beauty to a Buzzsaw!

From Vistas to Valleys

[Mar 9:14, 16 ESV] 14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ... 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

Imagine being the person at the return/Complaint desk the day after Christmas!!

Peter, James and John are NOW back to Reality!! The Real world!



Have you ever seen another parent that made you realize they have it SO8 Unusually hard!

God is with His people in the Valleys

- Valleys are Low, walled in, less light, dead ends?
- From Peaks to Problems, Affirmations to Arguments
 - Valleys of Siddim (Genesis 14), Eshcol (Numbers 14), Elah (1 Samuel 17)
 - Valley of Achor (Joshua 7, Hosea 2:15)
 - Valley of the Shadow of Death (Psalm 23)

Highs to Lows, feeling walled in. Mtn tops see the most light, Valleys the least, open to narrow, Wide open to winding and narrow

From God the Father, Saints/Prophets to Sinners and Satan's tools (Scribes arguing)

From unmovable Mtns to Dark Valleys (some valleys can be moved)

Hos 2:15 And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

Key Biblical Valleys and Their Significance:

Valley of Elah (1 Samuel 17): Known as the "Valley of Battle," where David defeated Goliath, symbolizing God's victory in conflict.

Valley of Achor (Joshua 7): Referred to as the "Valley of Trouble" or "Punishment," where Achan was judged for his sin, representing consequence.

Valley of Siddim (Genesis 14): The location of Sodom and Gomorrah, often representing sin, corruption, and judgment.

Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37): A prophetic vision representing the restoration and resurrection hope for Israel.

Valley of Jehoshaphat/Kidron (Joel 3): Described as a place of final judgment for nations, often associated with suffering or the "**Valley of Decision**".

Armageddon?

Valley of the Shadow of Death (Psalm 23): A metaphorical valley representing dark times, fear, and deep trials, where God is present to comfort.

Valley of Eschol (Numbers 13): A place of decision where the Israelites spied on the Promised Land.

Valley of Hinnom (next week, Pastor Ryan. Hell) 2Ki.23:10, Jer.7:31, 32:35

Numbers 13–14: **the Valley of Eshkol**, where Moses' spies scouted the Promised Land;

Judges 4–5: **the Valley of Kishon**, where Deborah and Jael defeated their enemy;

Joe 3:2, 10, 12-16 will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land, ... 10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a warrior." ... 12 Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 16 The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

[2Ki 23:10 ESV] 10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of

Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech.

[Jer 7:31 ESV] 31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind.

[Jer 32:35 ESV] 35 They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

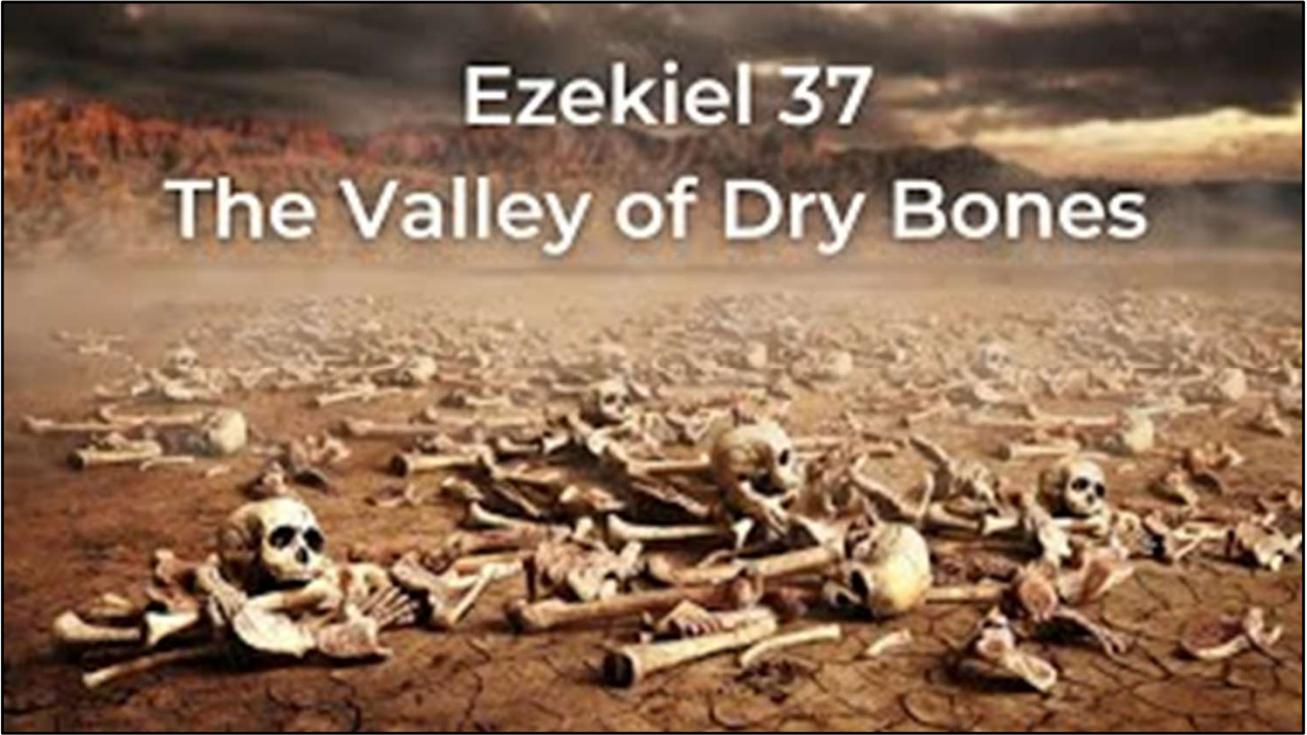
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Ezekiel 37

The Valley of Dry Bones



Jesus will reverse the curse!

I Brought My Son to You

- Mark 9:17 – “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit”
 - Seizes him, it throws him down... Convulsed...into fire and into water...has seizures and he suffers terribly (Matthew 17)
 - Foams, grinds his teeth, shatters him, will hardly leave him
 - Becomes rigid (epilepsy? Illness, mental or spiritual?)

- **Possessed, he isn't in control, trying to afflict/destroy him**
- **Bites tongue? Choking?**
- **Physical malady, Mental illness or Spiritual warfare? Or all? The problem is today the world always describes sin as a Mental illness NOT a spiritual one!**
- **This has been over a long period! Is he a teen or preteen now? How many Drs. Or treatments, how many sleepless nights! Agony and hopelessness**
- **He cannot even communicate, you cant know the specifics of his pain, or interact to answer questions and offer hope. Ever read any of the story of Hellen Keller??!**

I've often been questioned why God would allow peoples children to suffer?!!

Please consider the answer to the mans statement “I brought my son to you”

Is answered by God who says “I brought my son to you” EXCEPT God was intentional about it, had a choice, and brought Him to a cross and death and sins of the world! Except your son is a sinner and my son is sinless!

[Luk 9:37-43 ESV] 37 **On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.** 38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "**Teacher**, I beg you to look at my son, for he is **my only child**." 39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly

cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and **shatters him, and will hardly leave him.**

Helen Keller

At the age of 19 months, Helen became deaf and blind as a result of an unknown illness, perhaps rubella or scarlet fever. As Helen grew from infancy into childhood, she became wild and unruly.

Anne began her task of teaching Helen by manually signing into the child's hand. Anne had brought a doll that the children at Perkins had made for her to take to Helen. By spelling "d-o-l-l" into the child's hand, she hoped to teach her to connect objects with letters.

Helen quickly learned to form the letters correctly and in the correct order, but did not know she was spelling a word, or even that words existed. In the days that followed, she learned to spell a great many more words in this uncomprehending way.

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 - From childhood, my only child (Luke 9)
 - Mute and deaf spirit



List of Demons Cast Out in the New Testament (duplicate examples in the gospels are not listed)		Who Had The Demon	Verses
		Many	(Mk 1:32-34)(Mt 8:16-17)(Lk 4:40-41)
		People In Galilee	(Mk 1:39)
		A Man At The Capernaum Synagogue	(Mk 1:21-28)(Lk 4:31-37)
		A Man In Capernaum	(Mt 9:32-33)
		A Second Man In Capernaum?	(Mt 12:22)(Lk 11:14)
		People In Capernaum?	(Lk 6:17-19)
		The Gentle Woman's Daughter	(Mt 15:21-28)(Mk 7:24-30)
		Mary Magdalene (And Other Women)	(Lk 8:2)(Mk 16:9)
		People At The Sea Of Galilee	(Mk 3:10-12)
		Two Men At Gergesenes (Gadarenes)	(Mt 8:28-32)(Mk 5:1-13)(Lk 8:26-33)
		A Man's Son At Caesarea Philippi? (Mt 16:13)	(Mt 17:14-21)(Mk 9:17-29)(Lk 9:38-47)
		A Crippled Woman	(Lk 13:10-13 – implied)

Passage	Description
Matthew 8:16	Jesus cast many demons out with only a word.
Matthew 8:28-34	Jesus cast demons out of 2 extremely violent men.
Matthew 9:32-33	Jesus cast a demon out of a mute man.
Matthew 12:22	Jesus cast a demon out of a blind and mute man.
Matthew 15:22	Jesus cast a demon out of a woman's daughter from a distance.
Matthew 17:18	Jesus cast a demon out of a lunatic man who was also ill.
Mark 1:23	Jesus cast out a demon with, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"
Mark 9:25	Jesus cast out a deaf and mute demon from a deaf mute boy.
Mark 16:9	Jesus cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene
Luke 4:33	Jesus cast a demon out of a man in the synagogue.
Luke 4:41	Jesus cast out many demons.
Luke 6:18	As Jesus was casting out demons people were also healed.
Luke 11:14	Jesus cast a mute demon out of a mute man.
Acts 5:16	Demons were cast out of people.
Acts 8:7	Demons were cast out from many people.

There are **14 times in Mark when demons are part of the narrative**, and some of those descriptions use both terms. Those demons are always described as possessing a person, either explicitly, like in the story of the Gerasene demoniac, or implicitly, like when it says they cast out demons (Cast out of what? Probably a person.).

Mark never describes the demons themselves, and he only describes symptoms of the possessions on three occasions. 6-7x

1:26 – Convulsing and shouting, 39

[Mar 3:11 ESV] 11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

5:9-11 – Extreme strength, howling, and bruising oneself

Mar 7:25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. (Syrophoenician)

9:17-25 – Convulsing, unable to speak, unable to hear

[Mar 16:9 ESV] 9 [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

Most importantly, in the entire gospel of Mark, the demons are never the main emphasis of the stories. Casting out demons is often mentioned in passing along with other things that Jesus and the disciples were doing, such as in 1:39 where Jesus goes “throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.” No special emphasis

is given to the demons

On three occasions, Mark states explicitly that Jesus commanded the demons to be quiet about him. In 3:11-12, it doesn't even say that Jesus cast them out; it only says he tells them to be silent.

In the story of the Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5), Jesus casts out the demons (legion), but he also grants their request by allowing them to enter the herd of swine. In the story of the epileptic boy (more literally translated, according to what I've read: "moon-struck") (Mark 9), Jesus rushes to heal the boy when he sees a crowd coming together.

In other words, throughout the entire gospel of Mark, Jesus isn't shown as being particularly concerned with demons or demon possession. He doesn't fuss over them any more than he does any of the other healings or deeds of power.

<https://breakingbreadtheology.com/2021/04/11/the-gospel-of-mark-unclean-spirits-and-demons/>

[Mar 1:26-27 ESV] 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

[Mar 1:39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Bible records **12 specific instances** of exorcism in the Gospels. In these encounters, the number of demons involved ranges from a single spirit to several thousand.

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Notable Deliverances and Demon Counts

Mary Magdalene: Jesus cast out **7 demons** from her.

The Gerasene/Gadarene Demoniac: This man was possessed by a "**Legion**" of demons, which Jesus famously cast into a herd of roughly **2,000 pigs**.

A "Seven-Fold" Warning: Jesus used a parable describing an unclean spirit that leaves a person and returns with **7 other spirits** more wicked than itself, potentially resulting in **8 spirits** in total.

The "Dumb" or "Deaf" Spirit: Jesus rebuked a single spirit in a boy, commanding it never to return.

General Rebukes: In many cities like Capernaum, Jesus is described as rebuking **many** demons who cried out because they recognized him as the Messiah.

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Frequency of Interactions

In the Gospels, Jesus specifically "**spoke**" to or verbally **rebuked** demons at least **7 to 12 times**. These rebukes often included direct commands like "**Be quiet**" and "**Come out**". Notably, the **Gospel of John** contains no accounts of Jesus casting out or speaking to demons.

[**Mar 1:32**, 34, 39 ESV] 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by **demons**. ... 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out **many demons**. And he would not permit **the demons** to speak, because they knew him. ... 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and **casting out demons**.

[Mar 3:15, 22 ESV] 15 and have authority to cast out demons. ... 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the **prince of demons** he casts out the **demons**."

[Mar 5:18 ESV] 18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been **possessed with demons** begged him that he might be with him.

[Mar 6:13 ESV] 13 And they **cast out many demons** and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

[Mar 9:38 ESV] 38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

[Mar 16:9, 17 ESV] 9 [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he

appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ...
17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

I asked your disciples.. They were not able

- Jesus empowered disciples to cast demons! – Mark 6
- Some demons are worse!
- Mark 9:28 – And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” (we)
- “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

In ([Mt 10:1,8](#))([Mk 6:7,13](#))([Lk 9:1](#))([Mk 3:15](#)), Jesus gave His 12 disciples (and the 70 – [Lk 10:1,17-20](#)) “power over unclean spirits.”

[Luk 10:1, 3, 17, 19-20 ESV] 1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ... 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ... 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ... 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.“

[Mar 6:7, 13 ESV] 7 And **he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.** ... 13 And **they cast out many demons** and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

[Eph 6:12 ESV] 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

[Mar 9:25-27 ESV] 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, **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." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

Imagine that the disciples had become a bit too comfortable with this new power!?? Even reaching a point of overconfidence? That they faced a worse demon forced them to remember they couldnt do this in and of themselves!

But prayer! Yet Jesus didn't pray here, He cast out! Never come back!

Prayer is all about Faith! Prayer is the interruption of human ambition!



I marked out name of someone

Epileptic??!! More than a few have suggested this

But if you can do anything, have compassion on us

- “If” I can do anything? Jesus rebukes him
- “All things are possible for one who believes.”
- Mark 9:24 – Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”
- Is doubt a sin? What/Who did He doubt?

[Mar 9:22 ESV] 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.“

Mar 1:40-41 And **a leper** came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, **"If you will, you can make me clean."** 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." (This miracle had never been done before and done early in Jesus ministry)

[Mat 9:28 ESV] 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, **"Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."**

[Mat 14:30-31 ESV] 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 **Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

What/Who did He doubt?

- **His own worthiness? We don't deserve this.**
- **Gods will in this situation? Sometimes its not what we want. Like Jesus in Gethsemane! Like many others demon possessed that weren't fortunate enough to encounter Jesus!**
- **His limited understanding of who Jesus is? He may not have known all that we do!**
- **The disciples Had cast out many Demons but NOT this one??? Jesus cast ALL Demons out!**



*And Jesus said to him, "If You are able?"
All things are possible for the one believing".
Immediately, having cried-out,
the father of the child was saying,
"I believe. Help my unbelief".*

Is Doubt a Sin?

- Doubt is a Temptation, don't harbor it! (Genesis 3:1)
- What/Who are you doubting? God's Word or a person (Micah 7:5) or Your feelings/heart? (Jeremiah 17:9)
- Doubts assault us is suffering/disappointment/fear
- We can't please God w/o Faith! Faith is a gift! A muscle!
- We live by Faith, but informed faith!

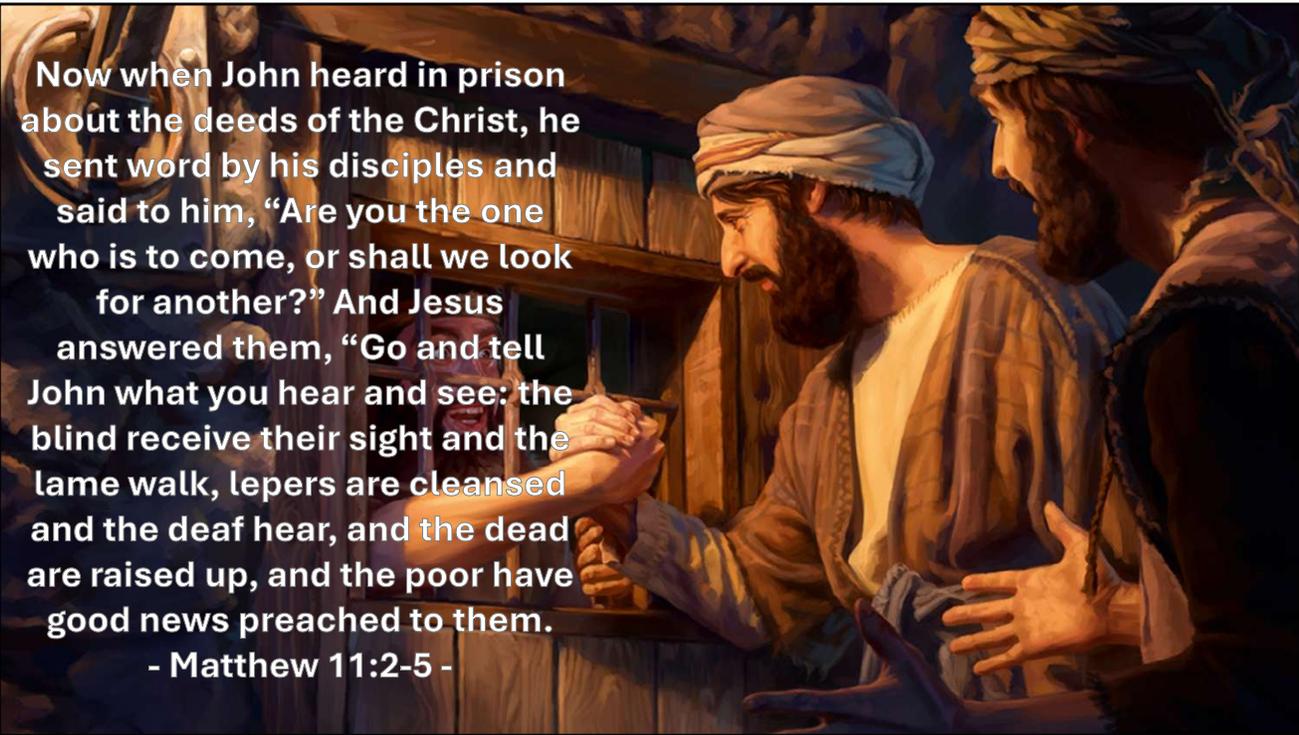
Sustained or owned Doubt IS Sin!!

[Gen 3:1-5 ESV] 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God actually say**, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 **but God said**, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 **But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.** 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

[Mic 7:5 ESV] 5 Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms;

[Jer 17:9-10 ESV] 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? 10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Not Blind Faith (unless blind means merely external stimuli/visual observations) but Informed Faith!



Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

- Matthew 11:2-5 -

[**Mat 11:2-12, 15, 18-19** ESV] **2** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples **3** and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" **4** And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: **5** the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. **6** And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." **7** As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "**What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?** **8** What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. **9** What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. **10** This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" **11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.** **12** From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ... **15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.** ... **18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

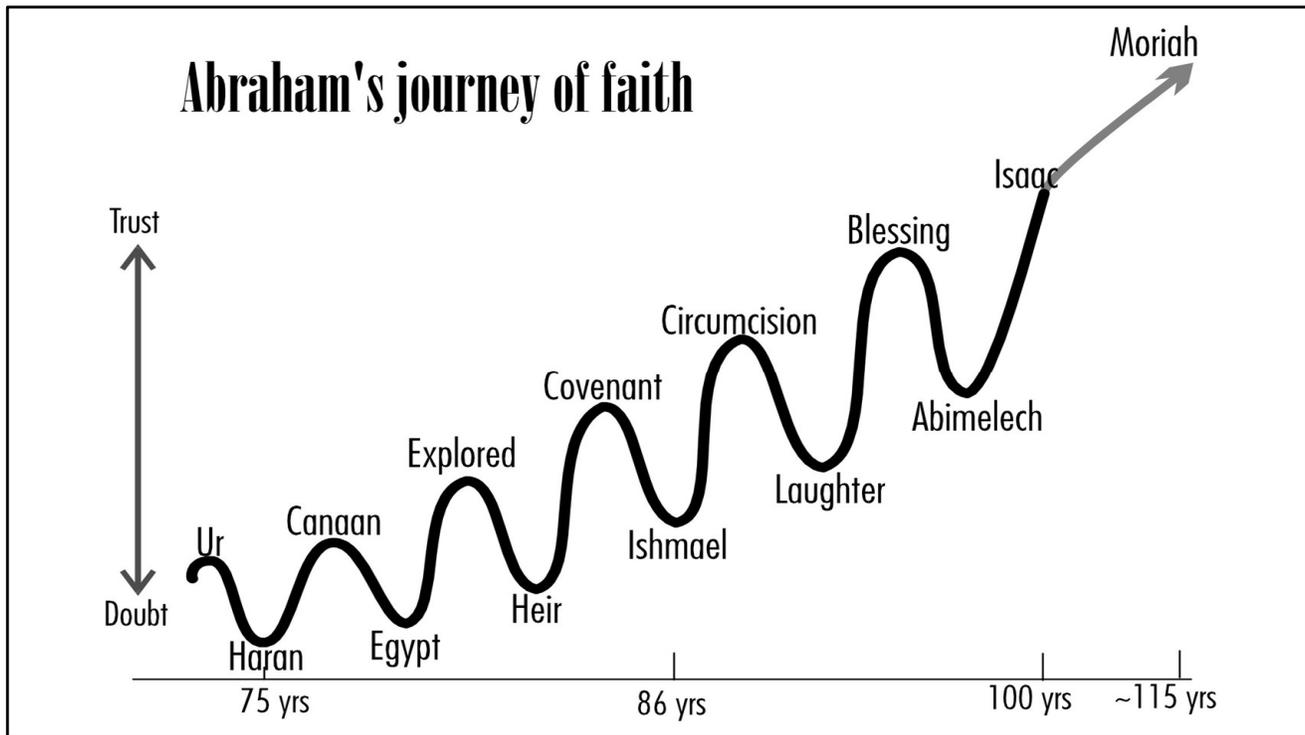
"Doubt is but another element of faith." (St. Augustine) Augustine viewed life as a "gymnasium of desire," Faith is not the absence of questions but the choice to trust despite them.

“To deny, to believe, and to doubt absolutely — this is for man what running is for a horse.” (Pascal)

I must confess here, with sorrow, that I have seasons of despondency and depression of spirit, which I trust none of you are called to suffer, and at such times I have doubted my interest in Christ, my calling my election, my perseverance, my Savior’s blood, and my Father’s love.” Charles Spurgeon

**“Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.”
(Paul Tillich)**

“I think the trouble with me is *lack of faith*... often when I pray I wonder if I am not posting letters to a non-existent address.” – C.S. Lewis



I'm oft comforted by the Father of our Faiths' tumultuous path!

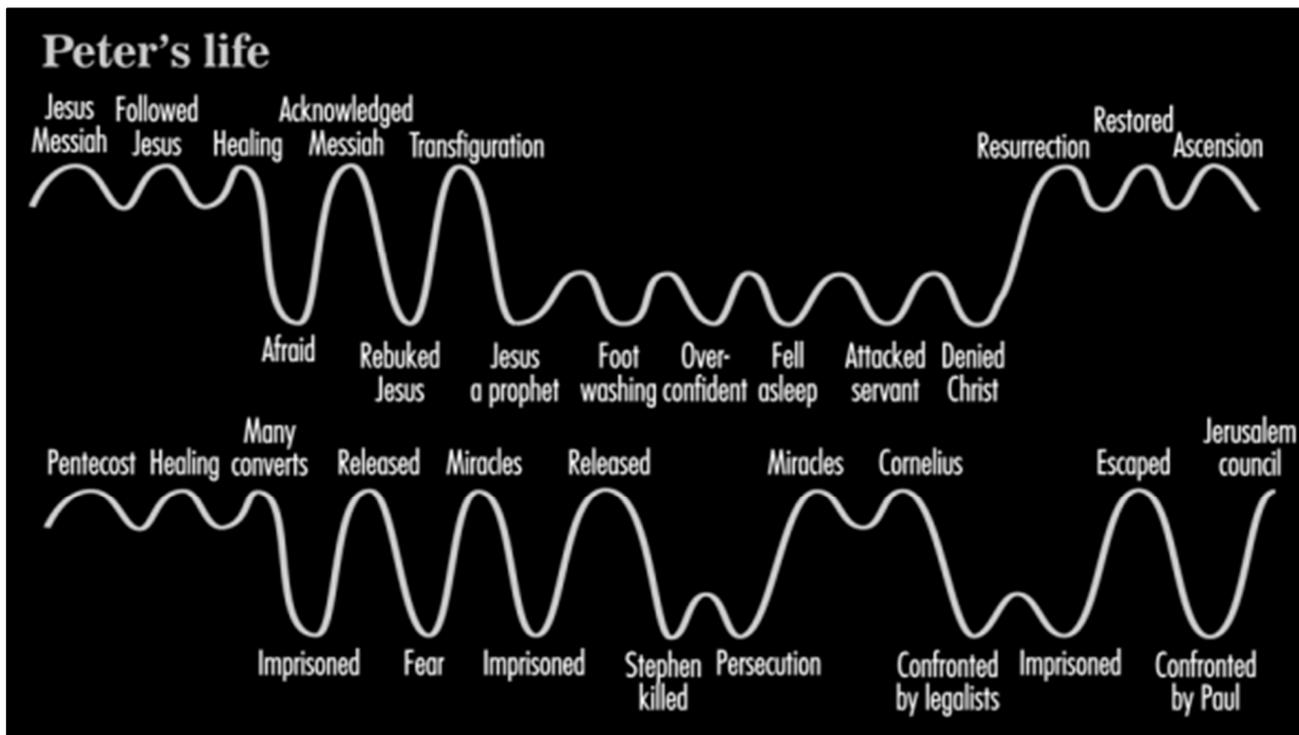
[Rom 4:11, 16 ESV] 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ...
 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring--not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham! I am one of them!

Please notice though the ultimate upward growth and sacrifices of faith!

[Gen 22:2, 8, 12, 14, 16-18 ESV] 2 He said, "**Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.**" ... 8 **Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."** So they went both of them together. ... 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for **now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.**" ... 14 **So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."** ... 16 and said, "**By myself I**

have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."



Peter too Declared You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Only to Be rebuked as Satan, Only to go to the Mt. of Transfiguration!

Not Shown in this graph?!!

Peters' death by Crucifixion, upside down! Peter Left His Father, Wife/Family, Career/Life, Country and Sacrificed his life in the service of reaching the gospel, all the way to Rome!

Mtns and Valleys mean

Looks more like a Roller coaster than a steady Climb

The Lord knows those who are his

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[2Ti 2:19 ESV] 19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

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“I do not believe there ever existed a Christian yet, who did not now and then doubt his interest in Jesus. I think, when a man says, “I never doubt,” it is quite time for us to doubt him.” – **Charles Spurgeon**

“Surely... we cannot imagine any certainty that is not tinged with doubt, or any assurance that is not assailed by some anxiety.” – **John Calvin**

– **Scott McClellan**

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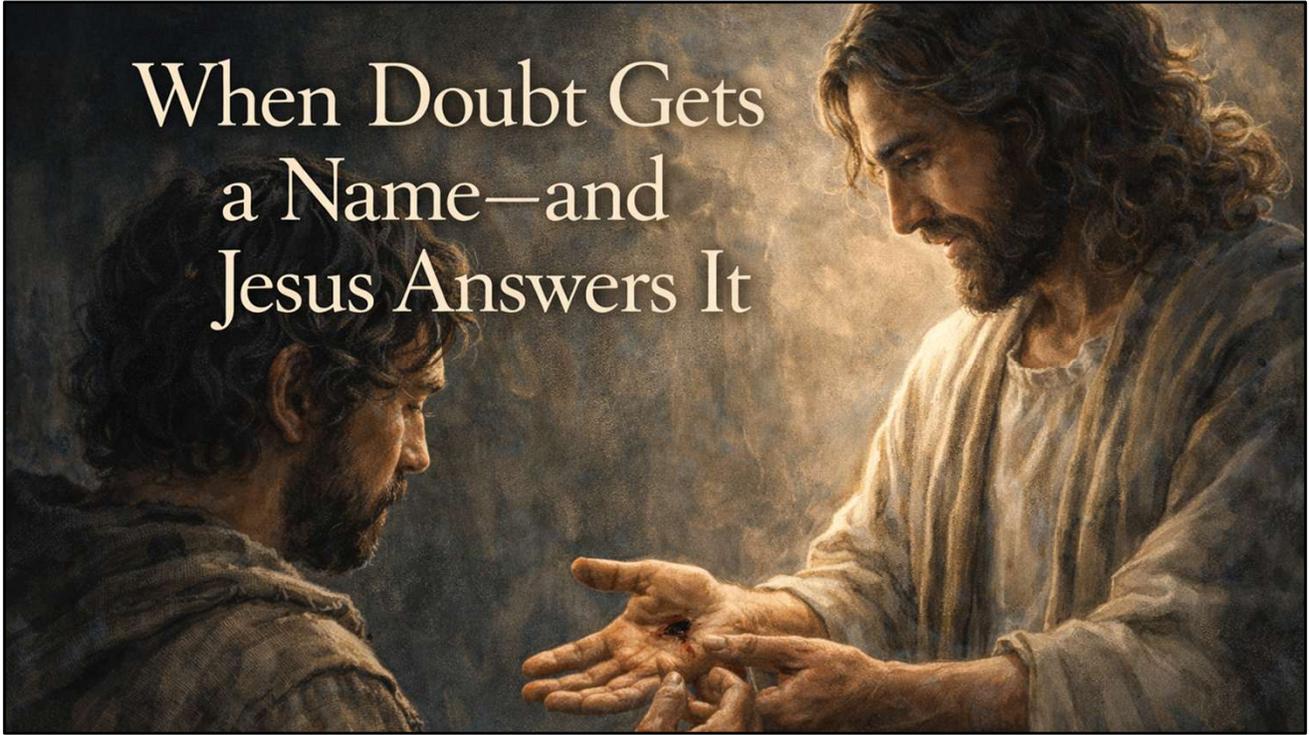
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“The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.” **(Bertrand Russell)**

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[Eph 2:8 ESV] 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

When Doubt Gets a Name—and Jesus Answers It



Doubting Thomas?!! Unfair judgment when you've likely doubted in lesser situations

[Jhn 20:24-31 ESV] 24 Now **Thomas, one of the twelve**, called the Twin, **was not with them when Jesus came.** 25 **So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."** 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. **Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them** and said, "Peace be with you." 27 **Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."** 28 **Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"** 29 **Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."** 30 **Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

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Battle Doubt!

- Doubt your Doubts! Why believe them so?
- Remedy; It is not gritting your teeth, it is actively remembering God's faithfulness!
- Faith comes by hearing! (Romans 10:17)
- John 14:1 (NLT) – "Don't let your heart be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me."

[Rom 10:17 NKJV] 17 So then faith [comes] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

[Rom 1:17 ESV] 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

[Gal 2:20 ESV] 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

[Gal 3:11 ESV] 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

[Heb 10:38 ESV] 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

[Jhn 14:1 ESV] 1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." Stop believing your feelings! Believe Gods promises! Jesus told them and they doubted and failed!

[Heb 11:1, 6 ESV] 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ... 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1. **[Mat 6:30 ESV] 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**
2. **[Mat 8:26 ESV] 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.**
3. **[Mat 14:31 ESV] 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**
4. **[Mat 16:8 ESV] 8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?**
5. **Mat 17:20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."**

This is the Mark 9 parallel. Yet there was Little Faith, there was some!



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Jesus, OUR SAVIOR,
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Faith

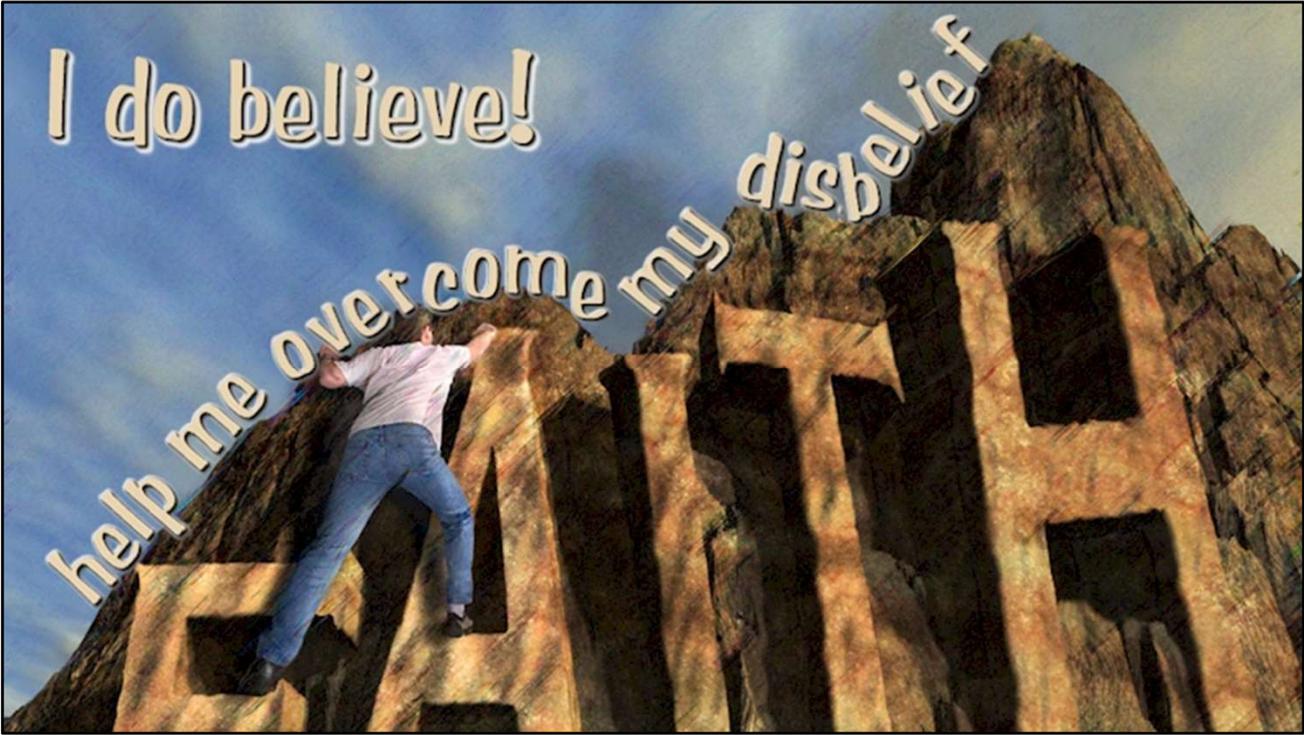


Trusts in God - (Proverbs 3:5)
Brings salvation - (Ephesians 2:8)
Pleases God - (Hebrews 11:6)
Produces righteousness - (Romans 4:3)
Provides peace - (Romans 5:1)
Empowers prayer - (James 1:6)
Brings spiritual sight - (2 Corinthians 5:7)
Strengthens in trials - (James 1:3)
Inherits promises - (Hebrews 6:12)
Leads to eternal life - (John 3:16)
Guards Against Fear - (Isaiah 41:10)
Activates Miracles - (Matthew 17:20)
Purifies the Heart - (Acts 15:9)
Gives Victory Over the World - (1 John 5:4)
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Unites Believers in Christ - (Galatians 3:26)

Unbelief



Leans on self - (Psalm 14:1)
Rejects salvation - (John 3:18)
Displeases God - (Hebrews 3:19)
Results in sin - (Romans 14:23)
Leads to unrest - (Isaiah 48:22)
Hinders prayer - (James 1:6-7)
Blinds spiritually - (2 Corinthians 4:4)
Faints in trials - (Romans 11:20)
Misses blessings - (Matthew 13:58)
Ends in eternal separation - (Revelation 21:8)
Leads to Fear and Insecurity - (Revelation 21:8)
Limits God's Power - (Matthew 13:58)
Defiles the Heart - (Titus 1:15)
Results in Defeat - (Hebrews 3:19)
Separates from God's Family - (Hebrews 3:12)





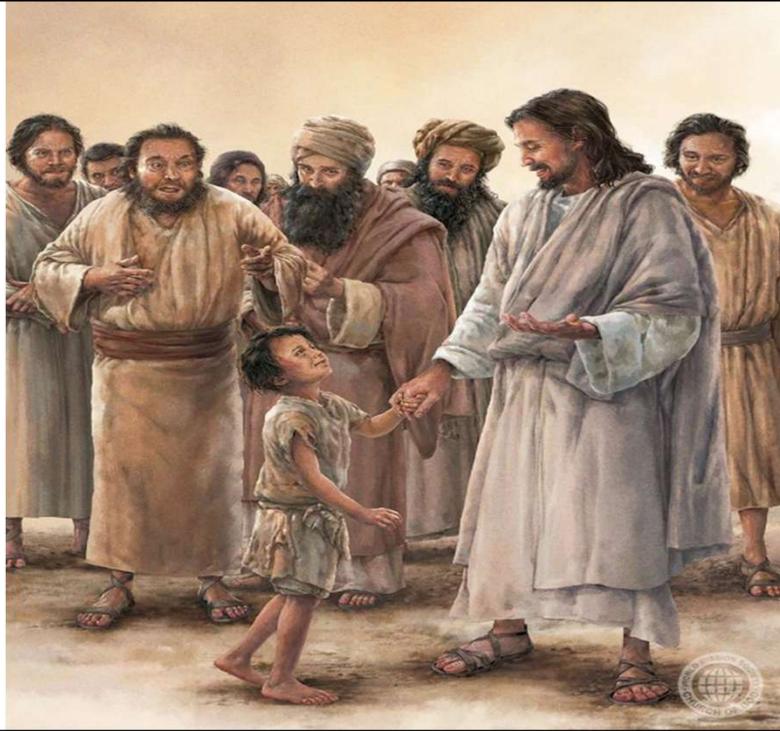
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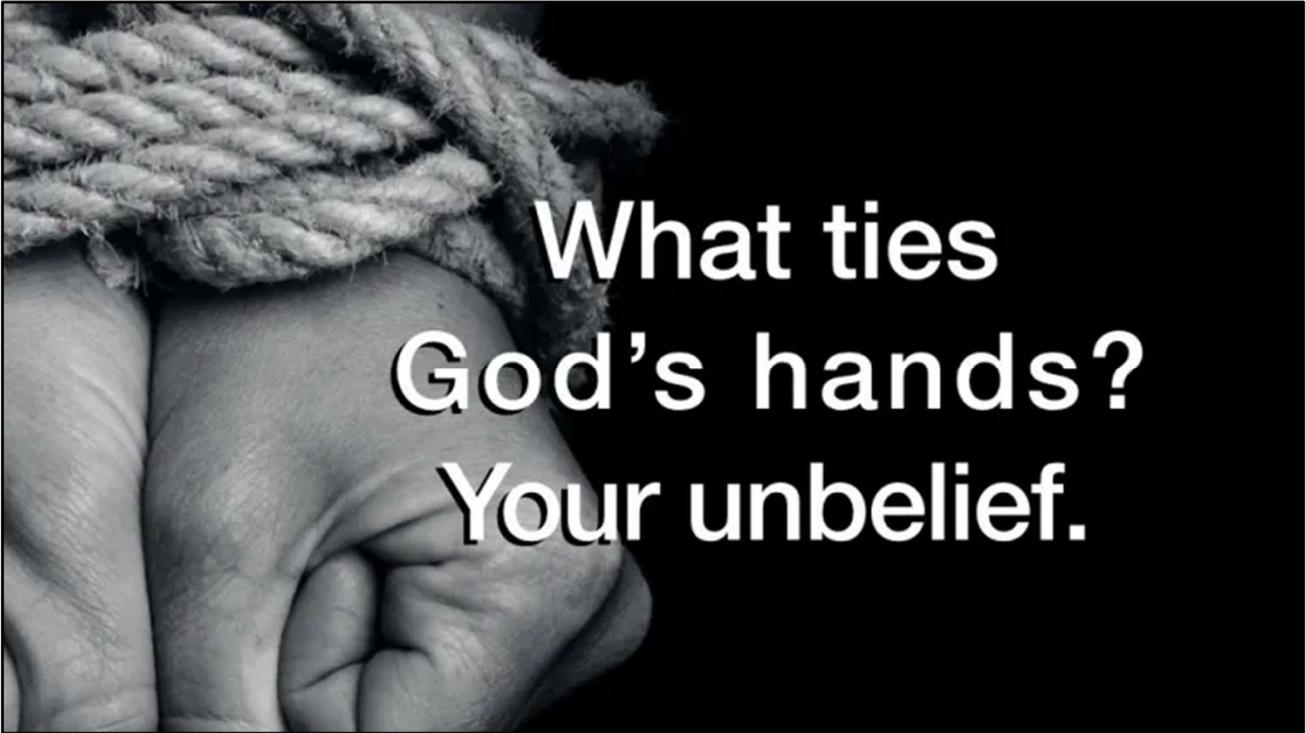












WRONG!!!!

Nothing ties Gods hands!

However, faithlessness will Rob YOU, because You have an inverted view of faith and trust



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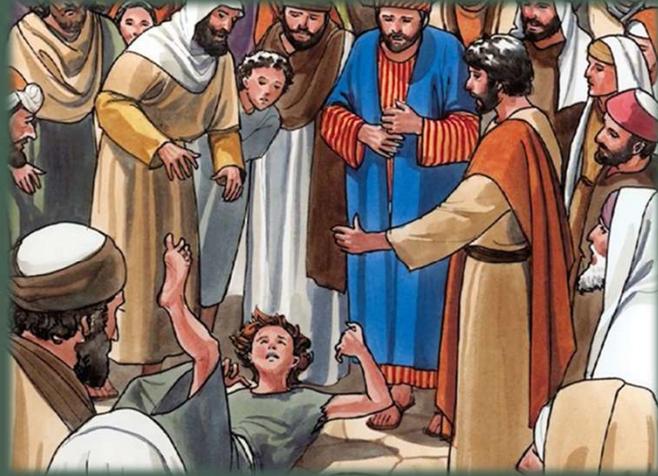
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JESUS HEALED
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Matthew 17:14-22



The difference between a fool
and an intelligent person is,
the intelligent know
how foolish they are-
fools do not.

-Sadhguru

2. JESUS CAST OUT DEMONS EVERY WHERE HE WENT

LIST OF SCRIPTURES

Matthew:	4:23-24	All Galilee, Synagogues (vs. 23)	
	8:14-17	Peter's house (vs. 14)	
	8:28-33	Seashore (vs. 32)	
	9:37-38	Outside (vs. 37)	
	10:7-8	Everywhere (vs. 7)	
	12:15, 22	Great multitudes (vs. 15)	
	15:22-28	Coasts (vs. 22)	
	16:13-19	Coasts (vs. 13)	
	17:14-21	Multitude (vs. 14)	
	Mark:	1:23-27	Synagogues (vs. 25)
		1:33-34	Door - house of Simon and Andrew (vs. 33)
		1:39-41	Synagogues, all Galilee (vs. 39)
		3:9-13	Small ship (vs. 9)
		5:2, 29	Out of ship (vs. 2)
6:10-15		House (vs. 10)	
7:24-30		House (vs. 24)	
9:14-27		Multitude (vs. 14)	
9:33, 39		House (vs. 33)	
Luke:		4:33-36	Synagogue (vs. 33)
	4:38-41	Simon's house (vs. 38)	
	6:17-19	Plain (vs. 17)	
	8:1-3	Every city and village (vs. 1)	
	8:26-30	Seashore (vs. 26)	
	9:37-42	Down from the hill (vs. 37)	
	13:11-17	Synagogue (vs. 14)	



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