

HELP ME BELIEVE

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I. WHAT KEEPS US FROM BELIEVING?

Mark 9:14 When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.

1. *Disappointment*

A. *Disappointment causes us either to give up or to show up.*

Mark 9:15 As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

B. *Jesus Brings Wonder.*

Mark 9:17 A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech.

2. *Evil*

A. *God did not cause evil. God is saving us from evil.*

Mark 9:19 Bring the boy to me.

B. *Jesus Brings Hope.*

Mark 9:22 But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.

3. *Doubt*

Mark 9:23 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

A. *Jesus Brings Faith.*

Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

B. *Doubt does not exclude us from faith. Doubt invites us to faith.*

C. *Help my unbelief!*

Mark 9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

- **Savior**
- **Lord**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- **Believe**