

# Fortifying your Faith part 1

*Learning from the Unbelief shown over a possessed little boy, from Mark 9:14-29, part 1*

## **Introduction:**

*Hebrews 11:6 without faith it is impossible to please God  
Ephesians 2:8-9 Faith is a **GIFT** from God  
2 Corinthians 5:7 we walk by faith  
2 Corinthians 1:24 we stand by faith  
Ephesians 3:17 Christ dwells in our hearts by faith  
Acts 15:9 our hearts are purified by faith  
Romans 10:11 whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.*

*Luke 7:50 we are saved by faith  
Romans 5:1 we are justified by faith  
Galatians 2:20 we live by faith  
Romans 1:5 we obey by faith  
1 John 5:4 we overcame the world by faith  
1 Timothy 6:12 We fight the good fight of faith*

*Numbers 13:30 We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it".*

*Job 13:15 "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him"*

*Daniel 3:17-18 "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up"*

*Daniel 6:10 and Luke 7:37-50*

*14 When they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. 15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and began running up to greet Him. 16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; 18 and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it." 19 And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!"*

Matthew adds THE FATHER **KNEELS** BEFORE CHRIST, and THE **LACK** OF SUFFICIENT FAITH  
Luke adds THE **NEXT DAY**, HIS **ONLY** CHILD, and **ASTOUNDED** BY THE MAJESTY OF GOD

## #1 Avoiding Spiritual

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*Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.*

*Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

*1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation*

## #2 Acknowledging you live with \_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2 Corinthians 12:9 He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong

## #3 Admitting the \_\_\_\_\_ of your Faith 16-19

Matthew 17:14 RECORDS ... the father got on his knees before Jesus

Luke 9:38 RECORDS I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child

Mark 6:7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; Mark 6:13 And they were casting out many demons...

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**The disciples failed to appropriate the power already \_\_\_\_\_ to them**

### WHAT HAPPENS?

1 Just because **CHRISTIANS** have let you down, that doesn't mean that **CHRIST** has

2 The more **DEPENDENT** you are in every task and relationship, the more Christ can display His **POWER**

3 Christ displayed His **GLORY** on the **MOUNTAIN**, but disciplined His men to **GROW** in the **VALLEY**

4 You can't **COME** to Christ, or **LIVE** for Christ without **FAITH**, and faith is only a **GIFT** from God