

## **Jesus Teaches on Faith (Mark 9:14-29)**

- Context: man brings his son to the disciples to deliver him from a demon
- This account is found in all three of the synoptic Gospels
- Mark gives the fullest of the accounts because Peter was an eyewitness

### **I. Disciples Encounter a Demon Possessed & Tormented Son (9:14-18)**

- This happened a day after the transfiguration on the mount (Lk 9:37)  
V.15 immediately when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him.
- Jesus asks the scribes what they were talking with the disciples about
- The scribes were no doubt taunting the disciples because of their failure
- The father cried out to Jesus (pleaded with him) for he is my only son
- He explains: the condition of his son saying the disciples couldn't help

### **II. Jesus Rebukes & Deliverance of the Demon Possessed Son (9:19-27)**

Jesus answered and said “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”

- Jesus rebukes them for lack of faith – primarily aimed to the disciples
- Vs 20 they brought the son to Jesus and the boy convulsed & fell down
- Boy's father says if you can do anything, have compassion and help us
- Jesus “if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”
- The father of the child cried out & said... “Lord, I believe my unbelief,”

### **III. The Disciples' Question and Jesus' Answer (9:28,29)**

vv. 28,29 His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”