

## "A Mountain-Bottom Experience"

### A Rough Re-entry (v. 37)

#### A Test of Faith

1. The **FAILURE** of faith (v. 38-41).

Matthew 17:19-20 (ESV) - <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>20</sup> 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."

Mark 9:28-29 (ESV) - <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

2. The **FOUNDATION** for faith (v. 42-43a).
3. The **FRAMEWORK** for faith (v. 43b-45).

"Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)