

**“HELP!”**

**Mark 9:14-29**

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**I. What does Jesus find when He comes down from the mountain?  
(vv. 14-19)**

*“they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them”*

*“What are you arguing about with them?”*

*“I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”*

*“O faithless generation, how long ... am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”*

**Apart from Jesus we are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

**Exodus 32:15-20**

**Psalms 31:1-2**

**Mark 6:7**

*“Our infirmities both of soul and body, which we feel to be innumerable, are so many darts with which Satan is supplied for wounding us.”* -John Calvin

**II. How does Jesus help the boy, and the father? (vv. 20-27)**

*“immediately it convulsed the boy...”*

*“From childhood. 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”*

*“‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.”*

*“I believe, help my unbelief!”*

Jesus helps us by setting us \_\_\_\_\_ from Satan's \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

**James 5:11**

*"The boy had truly been given life."* -Sinclair Ferguson

*"As a deaf mute, he could not hear the words of comfort his father must often have mouthed to him and could not speak to share the inner despair he must so frequently have felt."* -Sinclair Ferguson

*"As our faith is never perfect, it follows that we are partly unbelievers; but God forgives us, and exercises such forbearance towards us, as to reckon us believers on account of a small portion of faith."* -John Calvin

**III. Where does this leave the disciples? (vv. 19, 24, 28-29)**

*"Why could we not cast it out?"*

*"This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."*

Jesus helps us by giving us the \_\_\_\_\_ we need.

**Mark 5:41-42**

*"Faith is man in his weakness trusting God's promise in his word. Only through such weakness is the strength of God seen."* -Sinclair Ferguson

*"For the weakness of faith he prescribes prayer as a remedy, to which he adds fasting by way of an auxiliary."* -John Calvin

*"The disciples tried prayerless exorcism for the same reason that they couldn't understand why Jesus had to die- they didn't see how weak and proud they were."* -Tim Keller