



Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,
 "Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in his power
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#1b OUR PURPOSE AND OUR PRAYER

Matthew 17	Mark 9	Luke 9
<p>¹⁷ "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."</p> <p>¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.</p>	<p>¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."</p> <p>²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"</p> <p>²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.</p>	<p>⁴¹ "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."</p> <p>⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion.</p> <p>But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.</p>

If hearing about it was difficult, seeing the boy suffer must have been heart-rending. "The violence of the seizures, and the repeated attempts to destroy the youth ... indicate that the purpose of demonic possession is to distort and destroy the image of God in man. That this destruction is heaped upon a child only serves to indicate how radical the issue is between demonic power and Jesus, the bestower of life" (Lane, *Mark*)

The father's admission and prayer: "*I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!*"
 It is "a candid plea for help at that point where his _____ is _____ to _____"
 (Lane, *Mark*).

Pressing in:

What we cannot do, what others cannot do, Jesus can do. *Pray the prayer the father prayed!*



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