

MARK

CHAPTER 9:14-29

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THEME:

The Call to Discipleship

TITLE:

Unbelieving Faith

INTRODUCTION;

Colonel & CJ.

May 9, Mothers. We came home after church... and heard chirping, coming from our bedroom. You see, *Colonel*, our road-island red rooster, had been fellowshipping with the hens in our yard. The eggs had been.....

Thursday morning, early I heard a "sound"... *CJ.* was trying to crow like Pop.

- Not even close -

2 Timothy 2:1-2 KJV

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

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Going up to Mt. Hermon (Of Transfiguration)

Mark 9:7 KJV

God the Father declares;
This is my beloved Son, hear Him

Descending into the valley (Of Disfigurement)

Mark 9:17

*Man, the father cries out this is my only son...
He can't speak, can't hear.*

UP's & Down's;

Deuteronomy 11:11a

But the land, that you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys

Our Text _____

Verses 14-16

Verse 15

Greatly amazed; GRK
to be in wonder of

Greeted; GRK
throw their arms around Him. to embrace.

•When Moses came down from the mountain, His face shining, the people feared and ran from him.

•When Jesus came down, the glory, perhaps, still showing, the people were drawn to him.

John 1:17 KJV

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:13 KJV

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Draw a picture here of a guy squinting & fearful, but Jesus just smiling

1 THE CRY *of the Father* Verses 17-18

Verse 17

Grk = (the son of me,) the only son of mine.

Luke 9:38b KJV

look upon my son: for he is mine only son.

Matthew adds: "for he is a luna-tic (moonstruck)

A Parent's cry;

Psalm 39:12 KJV

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee.

Verse 18

Epilepsy, Grand mal seizures + Demonic Possession

So....

I spoke to your disciples, that they should cast him out.....

ouch

"but they could not"

ouch

The jeering, self-satisfied scribes; mocking their attempt.

Perhaps saying:

- *Is this the power of your King?*
- *Why are you following him. ?*
- *You're no different than before you met Him.*

The goal of Satan:

His plan is to destroy the image of God in every way... that's why there is a direct attack against the things that are honoring of God.....

The Family, Marriage, Relationships, Positions, Music, Creation, Sex.

The twisting of the good, making it evil

John 10:10 KJV

The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

(Chicago Tribune:)

Thomas Sullivan, Three weeks after becoming involved in a Satanist group, stabbed his mother, set fire to their home burning his brother and father and then running outside slitting his own throat and wrist and dying there in the snow.

2 THE CRY *of Jesus*

Verses 19-23

Verse 19

"O faithless generation"

- (O) *Grief, associated with pain*
- (*faithless*) *apistos (ap'-is-tos)*
active disbelief, without credit

"Unbelief is having faith in the devil"

C.H.SPURGEON

Verse 19 again;

"How (*long*) shall I" (heh'-oce);
until time and place. even until then.

(A.) *Be with you?* continue, stay with (A hint of the of the Spirit)

(B.) *Bear with you?* hold, prop, endure you

Luke 18:8b KJV

when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Verses 20-23

We know that the demons are terrified by Jesus Christ

Matthew: 8:29 KJV

What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

James 2:19 KJV

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: he demons also believe, and tremble.
(goose flesh)

Verse 23

If you can...

- He's entreating Him,
- He's meeting him where He's at.

If GRK; (i) = search again, look and see again.

You GRK; (stressing, upon him)

can GRK; (dunami) = if you see anything in there at all, let me know

"you know, if you have something in there, anything's possible"

Jesus is standing nose to nose with a broken man,
challenging him to believe

Note Verse 24

(Lord help my unbelief = Moment by Moment, Day by Day remove my unbelief)

3 THE CRY *of the Disciples* Verses 28

Why Didn't Exorcism Work?

Luke 9:1 KJV

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

They had seen it done, they were successful earlier.

Jesus diagnosis the problem as "unbelief"

Their inability in verse 18
was due to their prayerlessness in verse 14

_____They were disputing_____

All lathered up, trying to defend the Gospel

Ezek. 44:16 -18 KJV

They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. ¹⁸ They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat. *(if you break sweat, your ministry is going to stink)*

- Jesus had been on the mountain top.....They were in the valley
- Moses was in the mounting top.....Aaron was down in the valley
- LORD is in heaven.....We are here in the valley

AND HE CAN SEE BETTER FROM THERE

Verse 27

Luke adds....

Luke 9:42 KJV

And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and *"gave him back"* to his father.

4 THE CRY *of the Church* Verses 28-29

Verse 23

What the Spirit is saying to the Church.....

Jesus is standing nose to nose with a broken church,

Challenging her to believe

it's a life-or-death issue. standing between life & death.

Numbers 16:46-48

Aaron

*And he stood between the dead and the living;
and the plague was stayed.*

Verse 28

The Power comes by crying upward in prayer
Is your walk powerless?
It's time to sow to the Spirit
(Asking Him to fill you afresh)

1 Peter 3:15 KJV

*(But sanctify) the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man
that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.*

We are satisfied with so little;

2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV

*But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully
shall reap also bountifully.*

We need to be prepared.
The gifting comes from God;

Prayer fills our tank

2 Thessalonians 1:11 KJV

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

Romans 11:29 KJV

For the gifts and calling of God are without retrieval

But the *gifted* must keep in fellowship with the *Giver*.

Successful ministries often fall to this, assuming the presence of the Lord, Presuming upon His grace.....the ministry grows cold & powerless.

A Story:

At the christening of a new church facility, seeing all the expense put into it all, one man said "well no longer do we say silver & gold have we not" and at that a little old lady turned around and said "nor can we say in the name of Jesus rise up and walk" - the power was gone.

The gift will be there.....the power might be gone from it.

Apostlerosh '93

IN RUSSIA I SAW PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH DO THINGS THEY HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE.....WITH POWER

The spiritual parable to this miracle;

The world is mute, deaf & dumb to the things of God.
And without His healing touch the world parishes

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

*The world can't hear His message, (DEAF)
So they cannot speak of His glory and salvation (DUMB)*

Verses 28-29

"Where there is *little Prayer* there will be *little Faith*"
Absences makes the heart grow fonder, NOT makes grow colder.
Out of sight, out of mind

We need a wake-up call;

Luke 24:32 KJV

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way,
and while he opened to us the scriptures? (Thats the KEY)

1 Peter 1:8 KJV

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with
joy unspeakable and full of glory:

They couldn't glorify Him because *He was gone*.....they could see Him.....Man if he just show
himself, just say something.....He's given you His word, what more do want him to say?

*The church by-and-large is powerless today
because of unbelief,*

THE END