

“I KNOW GOD IS ABLE”

Matthew 17:14-21 with Mark 9:14-29 and Luke 9:37-42

INTRODUCTION: The disciples had witnessed the heavenly glory but now its time to go back down to earth where the ordinary people and problems of everyday life are. Were the disciples able for what was transpiring down in the valley? The father of a very physically and spiritually ill son answers that question, “So I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Later in the passage the disciples will come to Jesus privately and ask Him, “Why could we not cast it out?” admitting their impotence to help. Jesus’ answer is simple but profound – believing faith undergirded with prayer and “nothing will be impossible for you.” In the Greek text the words I have underlined in bold are from the same Greek word – *δυναμις*. We get our English word ‘dynamic’ and ‘dynamite’ from the noun form of this word. The word *δυναμις* means ‘to be able’ in the sense of possessing the ability to do or accomplish something. In the passage it’s obvious Jesus is frustrated with His disciples because they were not able to cure the boy. They were far enough along the road with Jesus that they should have been able. What in our lives frustrates the Lord? What things in our lives that we should be able to do and accomplish but are unable to? Could the reason be the same as it was for the disciples?

A. THE _____ OF THE FATHER

- 1. HIS _____
- A. HE _____ TO JESUS
- B. HE _____ BEFORE JESUS
- C. HE _____ TO JESUS
- 2. HIS _____
- A. HE _____ JESUS - LORD
- B. HE _____ JESUS – FOR MERCY ON SON
- C. HE _____ JESUS – THE PROBLEM

B. THE _____ OF THE SON

- 1. THE _____ PROBLEM - EPILEPSY
- 2. THE _____ PROBLEM – DEMON POSSESSION
- 3. THE _____ PROBLEMS – SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

C. THE _____ OF THE DISCIPLES

- 1. _____ LESS
- 2. _____ LESS
- 3. _____ LESS

D. THE _____ OF THE LORD

- 1. THE _____ REVEALED
- 2. THE _____ GIVEN
- 3. THE _____ CURED

E. THE _____ OF THE LORD

- 1. THE _____ OF REAL FAITH
- 2. THE _____ OF REAL FAITH
- 3. THE _____ TO REAL FAITH

A. PRAYER

B. FASTING