

# ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

## Mark 9:14-29

Are there any stories of a time you really needed help because you couldn't do something alone? Who do you usually look to for help? How do you typically handle difficult situations or failure?

### **MARK 9:14-29 – THE DISCIPLES**

This isn't the first time the disciples had encountered a demon. They'd cast many out before. Why do you think they couldn't cast it out? How do you think they felt? (Mark 6:7 & 13)

What does Jesus say they should have done?

Why do you think Jesus told them they needed to pray? (Mark 9:29)

*The disciples failed because they didn't ask for help, and they relied on their own strength.*

### **THE FATHER**

How long has he been trying to find help for his son? How do you think he felt? (v. 21)

How do you think he felt when the disciples couldn't heal the boy?

What mistake did the boy's father make?

Who did he say he came to for help? Who did he really bring his son to? (9:17-18, Jesus)

*The boy's father failed because he asked the wrong people for help, and relied on other's strength.*

### **MARK 9:22-24**

What was at the root of both the disciples and the man's mistakes? (Unbelief, neither believed in Jesus. They either believed in their own strength or the strength of others to fix their problems.)

### **APPLICATION**

What's a time you relied on your own strength instead of Jesus'? How did it turn out?

What's a time you relied on someone else's strength instead of Jesus'? How did it turn out?

What's a time you relied fully on Jesus' strength?

We all struggle to believe at times. Read 9:24. Do you ever find yourself praying that same thing?

Let's finish our time admitting to Jesus our weakness and unbelief, reminding ourselves of the gospel, and asking Him to help our unbelief.