



How To Pray For A Miracle!

A Study of Mark 9:14-29

A. Introduction: Verses 14-16

1. Jesus, Peter, James, and John return from the transfiguration.
2. The other disciples are in a heated discussion with some Scribes.
3. A crowd gathers as they see Jesus approaching.

B. The Need For A Miracle: Verses 17-18

1. The father shares the impossible situation of his son with Jesus.
2. The father shares the failed attempt of the disciples to cast out the evil spirit.

C. Jesus Frustration: Verse 19 (Cf., Matthew 17:17)

1. Jesus expresses frustration in His _____.
2. Jesus expresses frustration over the _____ of sin.
3. Jesus expresses frustration over the crowd seeking _____ and _____ rather than Him.
(See Mark 12:12-13; John 6:26-27)

D. The Power of Jesus Confronts The Power of Darkness: Verse 20

1. Even in Jesus' ministry many times the initial chain of events turned _____ before they improved.
2. Miracles are not always _____ and _____, but that does not mean they are not possible!

E. Jesus Seeks Discernment About The Problem: Verse 21

1. Jesus did not automatically spring into a pat _____.
2. Jesus sought discernment and understanding before he _____ for healing.

F. The Father's Cry For _____: Verse 22 “...If you can”

G. Jesus calls the father to “Faith In God”: Verse 23

1. “*What do you mean, If I can?*” (NLT)
2. He reminds the father that _____ is possible through faith in God!

H. The Father Responds In Honest and Humility: Verse 24

1. “...*help me overcome my _____.*”
2. It does not take _____ faith to pray for a miracle!
3. It takes a **surrendered** and **honest** heart, one that _____ and _____ at the same time!

I. Jesus Takes Authority Over The spirit: Verses 25-27

1. Note: Not all illnesses are a result of demonic activity or sin (Cf., John 9:1-5).
2. Jesus only casts out the demon after he had received _____ from the Holy Spirit. (Cf., I Corinthians 12:10)
3. Even after Jesus cast out the spirit, it was not without a struggle, and the appearances to the onlookers was that the boy was dead.
4. Miracles are not always _____, nor are they always neat and tidy.

J. THE BIG QUESTION: “Why couldn't we cast out the evil spirit?” Verses 28-29

1. We know from Verse 19 that there was a _____ factor involved (see Matthew 17:20) **But it was more than that!**
2. Jesus instruction to them was that this type only comes out by **prayer and fasting**. This was not an instruction to a **methodology**, but a call to **spiritual _____!**
3. Praying for a miracle requires an honest and surrendered heart to the Lord, and a willingness to both _____ and _____ His voice, as Jesus did.