



## Mark 9

Mark 9:5-6

- Peter was too terrified to know what to say but yet he said something
- Just a week earlier he had gotten yelled out for saying something dumb

- Last week we talked about trusting God but that can be a really hard thing to live out
- We get to dig a little more into that this week

Mark 9:24

- We can probably relate to the cry of this father
- Maybe not all that he is dealing with but the struggle of faith
- \*We believe what the Bible says about God and Jesus but sometimes to live that out is struggle

\*\*Even with this internal struggle of trust Jesus still heals the man's son

- \*Though trusting in Jesus may be tough at times, Jesus still does act when we trust in him
- God so wants to care for his people that even when we come in weak faith he still comes to our aid

- It is of benefit to have greater trust in God if for nothing more than to lower your anxiety

What caused this struggle with trust and what can we learn from it?

Mark 9:14-27

- The Father did not take his struggle to Jesus first

Two things that hurt his trust

1) Trying to do it yourself

- The boy had been demon possessed for years
- How many times had the Father tried to help him on his own?

2) Looking for other people to fix or fill you

- He then took him to the disciples (not Jesus)
- It wasn't until he actually brought him to Jesus that Jesus could do something for him

- Trusting JR to cut down a tree

\*We need to take things to Jesus first

\*He may not immediately resolve the issue but we can at least be confident he is walking through the issue with us

\*He wants to care for us even when we struggle to trust him

Small Group Questions

- 1) Where do you turn first when you face a struggle? What's your immediate response?
- 2) Are there things besides ourselves and others that people turn to to resolve their problems rather than turning to God?
- 3) What are some habits that we can develop to help us turn things over to God?