> Mark 9:24
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> “Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” — *Mark 9:24 (ESV)*

This is the story of an older man whose son was tormented by a persistent demon from childhood. Despite seeking help from doctors and various healers, and even after the disciples themselves failed to heal him, the father finally encountered the Lord Jesus.

He said to Jesus, “If you can do anything, please have mercy on us and help us.”

> *But Jesus responded,* “If you can?” *He said,* “All things are possible for one who believes.” — *Mark 9:23 (ESV)*

This shows that the man’s faith was not yet perfect. Yet, in that

moment, he placed all his hope in Jesus and believed: *“I believe; help my unbelief!”*

This is one of the most honest and transparent prayers recorded in the Bible.

He truly believed, but his faith was incomplete. He struggled to fully trust. So alongside his faith, he asked Jesus to help his unbelief — to help him surrender completely. Not just to witness a miracle, but to be helped, to be strengthened in faith.

Jesus didn’t reject him or scold him or tell him to do something else first. Instead, He rebuked the demon, and immediately the boy was healed.

True faith doesn’t mean doubts disappear overnight. It means choosing to surrender yourself to the Lord and placing your full trust in Him, even when your heart says, *“Why do I still have doubts? Why don’t I have faith? Why do my own words confirm my despair?”*

Don’t stop praying and confessing your faith, even as you cry out for the Lord’s help to make your faith complete. As you fully

surrender, you will begin to witness great things done for you.

Don’t condemn yourself for the doubts you’ve had. Just lean fully on Jesus and don’t take your foot off that ground. He will build you up.

The father didn’t walk away from Jesus because of his weakness — he stayed right there, because faith grows through relationship, not perfection.

God’s grace is greater than our shortcomings. Admit your weakness before Him but show Him your dependence. There you will see His strength revealed.

Satan will want you to condemn yourself in times of struggle, but say:

“I believe, Lord; help my unbelief.”

May the Lord bless you.

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