

The End of Me Bible Study Series

#4 Admitting I Can't Fix It!

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Review Lesson #3 Relinquish the Need for Control

Lesson: Mathew 17:14-17

The boy's condition- the boy was an epileptic. See Mark 9:18 for a clear description.
The culprit behind the scenes was a demon (18). The demon was set out to destroy this young boy.

Discussion: **The Father's Inability** – Can you imagine the efforts this father has put in trying to find a cure for his son?

Discussion: **The Disciple's Inability** – The disciples were another disappointment to the father. He went to them for help and they couldn't resolve the issue either.

Read the father's heartfelt appeal to Jesus.

Who do you think Jesus was referring to when he said in verse 17, "You unbelieving and perverse generation...?"

Do you think He was really referring to the disciples as well as the father?

What did Jesus ascribe to be the real problem?

In verse 18, Jesus rebuked the demon which verifies the source of the problem?

Read verse 19, the disciples asked of Jesus in private {Why couldn't we fix this situation (paraphrased)}?

Can you imagine the pride of the disciples?

Faith's Ability

In this case, what did fixing it require? _____

What is the Biblical definition of faith?

Jesus discussed what he called Mustard Seed Faith?

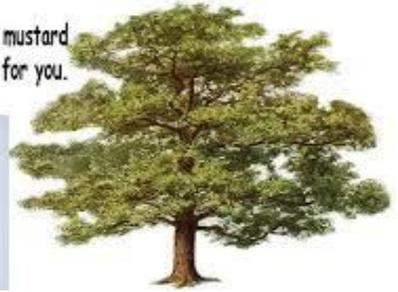
- Read Matthew 13:31-32.
- Read Mark 4:30-32
- Read Luke 13:18-19

Does this mean we only need a tiny amount of faith?

Can tiny amounts of faith really move mountains? No, this passage has been so often misinterpreted. What did He really mean and how can we apply this to our lives?

Observe the illustration-

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



The seed is the beginning product.
The full grown tree is the end product.
The tree's potential is 20' tall and 20' wide.

These trees are known for growing in the poorest conditions and even when they are pruned and cut back they keep growing. The commentary said, "You can't kill a mustard tree!" What happens when our faith stops growing? What happens when our faith continues to grow?

What, then, was Jesus saying to the man and His disciples regarding their faith and their inability to fix this situation?

How do we grow our faith?

Read Romans 10:17. How do we hear?

Flip the switch.

Don't let the argument of "I Can't Fix It" linger in your mind. Your inability provides an opportunity for God's ability to be manifested. He can do it! However, faith is a required component.

Biblical Example: 1 Samuel 17:34-37

What verse did you hear David fire himself?

David faced Goliath with courage and faith. He knew he couldn't slay Goliath on his own but he was willing to step out in faith.

- David ignored the voices of those who told him he couldn't do it.
- David said to Goliath "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- David believed God was his greatest shield!
- David did not face Goliath believing in His own strength!

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