

## How can we apply this lesson to our life?

### A. We should take our troubles to the Lord in prayer.

**\*\*Mark 9:17** “A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of his speech.”

**Philippians 4:6** “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

**Colossians 4:2** “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

### B. We should trust the Lord to handle our troubles.

**\*\*Mark 9:24** “Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

**Matthew 21:22** “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

**I John 5:14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

### C. We can triumph because of the help of the Lord.

**\*\*Mark 9:23b** “... Everything is possible for one who believes.”

**\*\*Mark 9:25b** “... He rebuked the evil spirit. ... I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

**\*\*Mark 9:26a** “The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. ...”

**\*\*Mark 9:27** “But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.”

## Take Your Troubles to the Lord!

Mark 9:14-29

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**Psalms 9:9** “The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”

**Psalms 46:1** “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

**Nahum 1:7** The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”

**\*\*Mark 9:14** “When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.”

**\*\*Mark 9:15** “As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet Him.”

**\*\*Mark 9:16** “What are you arguing with them about?” He asked.”

### I. A father approached the Lord with major trouble.

#### A. His son was possessed by a spirit.

**\*\*Mark 9:17** “A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of his speech.”

**Matthew 17:14b** “... a man approached Jesus and knelt before Him.

#### B. His son was plagued with problems.

##### 1. The boy could not speak!

**\*\*Mark 9:17b** “... that has robbed him of speech.”

##### 2. The boy had frequent seizures.

**\*\*Mark 9:18a** “Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. ...”

**Matthew 17:15b** “... Lord, have mercy on my son, ... He has seizures and suffers greatly.”

##### 3. The boy faced a demon’s attempts to slay him!

**\*\*Mark 9:22a** “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him ....”

**Luke 9:39b** “... It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him.”

**John 8:44** “You belong to your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

#### **4. The boy struggled since the disciples could not drive it out.**

**\*\*Mark 9:18b** “... I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

**Mark 6:7** “Calling the Twelve to Him, He sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.”

**Mark 6:13** “They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.”

**John 15:5** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

## **II. The man asked the Lord to help his troubled son.**

### **A. The boy was brought to Jesus.**

**Luke 9:38** “A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.”

**\*\*Mark 9:19** “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me.”

**\*\*Mark 9:20** “So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.”

**\*\*Mark 9:21** “Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered.”

### **B. The boy’s dad battled weak faith.**

**\*\*Mark 9:22** “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

**\*\*Mark 9:23** “If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

**Mark 10:27** “Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but NOT with God, all things are possible with God.”

**\*\*Mark 9:24** “Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

## **III. The man saw the awesome power of the Lord heal his son.**

### **A. Jesus rebuked the demon.**

**\*\*Mark 9:25** “When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

### **B. Jesus commanded the demon to leave and it responded.**

**\*\*Mark 9:26** “The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.”

**\*\*Mark 9:27** “But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.”

#### **1. Jesus returned the boy back to his father completely healed.**

**Luke 9:42b** “... Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.”

**Luke 9:43a** “And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. ...”

#### **2. Jesus taught the disciples the importance of relying on Him.**

**Mark 9:28** “After Jesus had gone indoors, His disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

**Mark 9:29** “He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

**Matthew 17:20** “He replied, “Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there and it will move. “Nothing will be impossible for you.”