




Belief and Unbelief

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Mark 9: 14-25 NKJV

- ¹⁴ And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”
- ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”



Mark 9: 14-25 NKJV (cont.)

- ¹⁹ He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” ²⁰ Then they brought [the boy] to [Jesus]. And when [the mute spirit] saw [Jesus], immediately the spirit convulsed [the boy], and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”



Mark 9: 14-25 NKJV (cont.)

- ²¹ So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”
- And he said, “From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. **But if You can do anything,** have compassion on us and help us.”
- ²³ Jesus said to him, “**If you can believe,** all things *are* possible to him who believes.”
- ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”



Mark 9: 14-25 NKJV (cont.)

- ▶ ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”
²⁶ Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “**He is dead.**”
²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.





John 8:42 NKJV

- "... if God were your Father, you would love me..."



Mark 9: 24 NKJV

➤ ...“I believe, help my unbelief.”





Homework:

- ▶ Do I really love Jesus?



Homework:

- ▶ Do I really love Jesus?

Optional Homework:

- ▶ Why don't I really love Jesus?



Point 1:

- ▶ You need to love Jesus.

Optional Homework:

- ▶ Why don't I really love Jesus?



Point 1:

➤ You need to love Jesus.

Point 2:

➤ You need to trust Jesus.




Matthew 11:2-3 NKJV

- ²“ ... if God were your Father, you would love me...And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples³ and said to Him, “**Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?**”



Mark 9:31 NKJV

- ³¹“The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and **they will kill Him**. And after He is killed, **He will rise the third day.**”



John 3:18-19 NKJV

- ¹⁸“but whoever does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”
- ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, **because their deeds were evil.**

1 Peter 2:7-8 NKJV

- ⁷ Therefore, to **you who believe**, He [Christ] is precious; but to **those who are disobedient**, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,”
- ⁸ “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being **disobedient to the word**, to which they were appointed.



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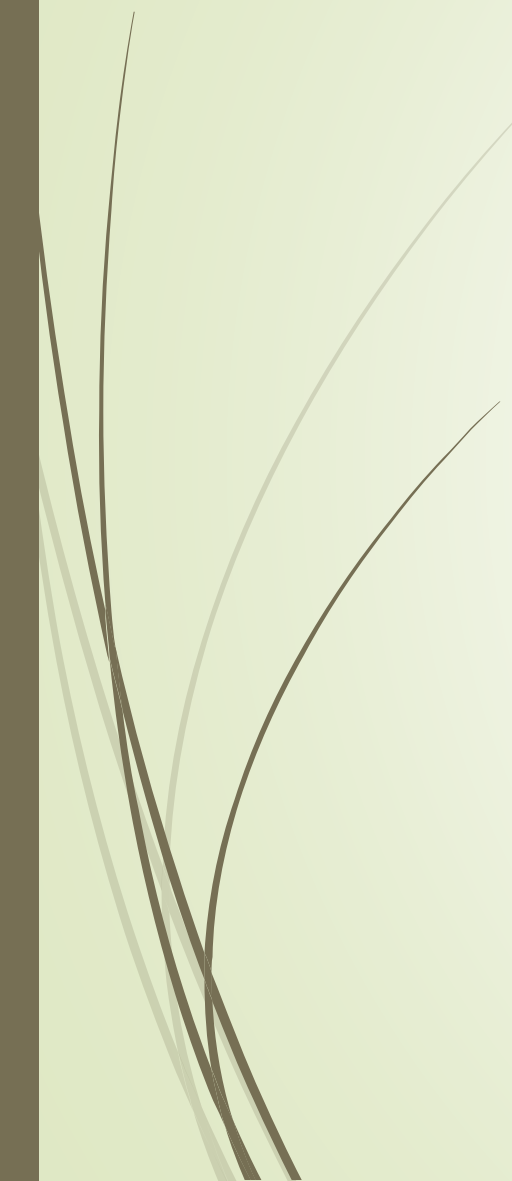
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“It is disobedience and not obedience that prompts us to select from the commands of Christ which ones we care to obey.”—1893




The Gospel?

- “He was a good man.”
 - “God loved him just the way he was.”
 - “God loves sinners.”
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1 Peter 2:8 NKJV

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- Jesus loves me.
 - Jesus is patient with me.
 - Jesus will be merciful with me.
 - Jesus will save me.

- Be a slave to Christ.
- Live holy lives.
- Love your enemies.
- Deny yourself.
- Sacrifice.



Point 1:

➤ You need to love Jesus.

Point 2:

➤ You need to trust Jesus.

Point 3:

➤ You need to obey Jesus.