

We believe! I love that song and I love the fact that children, growing in their understanding of God and His word, sing it with us. We are all on a journey of faith. Most of us grow through seasons of qualified confidence in God. We've turned our concerns over to Him in prayer. We've labored in prayer and asked the body of Christ, His church, to join us as we bring our requests before God. At times we hit the wall and our faith is at best, feeble. So, how do we overcome our unbelief?

- When faith hits the wall (vs. 16-22)

- An insightful request (vs. 23-24)

- Some things happen only with prayer (vs. 25-29)

- The possibilities for those who believe (v. 23)

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Describe a time when you knew you had hit the wall and it seemed impossible to get on top of your dilemma.
2. Jesus' disciples had experienced exhilarating success in driving out evil spirits (6:7-13, 30). Why do you think they were unsuccessful when a father asked their help in driving out his son's demon (9:17-19)? What do you think God wants you to take away from this?
3. Why was Jesus so upset when he heard the father's complaint? What's the impact of his concern on your way of doing things?
4. How do you understand, "Everything is possible for him who believes"?
5. How are you processing the father's admission, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief"?
6. We all pray for many concerns. How is that different than what Jesus was talking about when He challenged His disciples after their failure, "This kind can come out only by prayer"? (9:28-29)



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Overcoming Unbelief

Mark 9:14-29

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