



Sermon Outline
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A Problem Too
Big

Mark 9:14-29

Ever since Genesis 3 where the first tragic sin shattered Glory, Jesus has been compelled to reach in the direction of the confused and the wounded. That's what grace does. That's how mercy behaves. It loves the unlovely. _____ the repentant. _____ what has been so shockingly broken.

At the location of Caesarea-Philippi:

Matt 16:17-18

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the _____ will not overcome it..."

According to the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "we live by faith and not by sight." So, we believe and we live by faith. Faith is the _____ of the life of every Christian because we have to put our trust entirely in what we cannot see.

To exist by faith means that your _____ are deeper than your _____. What you believe in your mind and your heart are more convincing than the present information. We live by faith.

What anchors our faith is the _____, the Word of God, God chose to reveal himself it. This tells us all we need to know, and it is a true Word, it is a sure Word. But nonetheless, we live by faith.

Our faith is not perfect, but it is _____. Imperfect? Yes. Weak? Yes. Vacillating? Yes. Wavering? Yes. Doubting? Yes. But sufficient? Yes.

This is a lesson on faith--a faith that _____ in the midst of extreme risk.

The EPISODE:

Mark 9:14ff -- A walk through the text.

The LESSON:

"Why couldn't we drive it out?"

"This kind cannot come out by anything but _____."

After Jesus is gone--when you live by faith and not by sight, prayer is the _____ that faith takes into the power of God.

Matt 17:19-20

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, 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."