

**HEALING IS FOR RIGHT NOW!**  
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Mark 16:17-18; Mark 9:14-29; Matt 17:14-21

- 1) They did not ask how much sin was in the boy's or his dad's life that hindered the deliverance and healing.
- 2) They did not accuse the dad or the boy of not having enough faith. After all, the dad brought the boy to the disciples. Isn't that faith?
- 3) They did not question if it was God's timing for the boy to be delivered and healed.
- 4) They did not say, "Well, maybe God's trying to teach him a lesson." (Mark 9:19-22).
- 5) They did not ask if the dad had been tithing.
- 6) They did not tell the dad to sow a seed offering for the deliverance and healing of his son.
- 7) There was NEVER any question that the boy was supposed to be delivered and healed right then and there.
- 8) The disciples anticipated that they, NOT GOD, would cast out the devil and heal the boy.
- 9) They wanted to know why THEY couldn't cast it out, NOT why God didn't cast it out and heal the boy.
- 10) They did not declare, "Only Jesus can do this kind of deliverance and healing; we are incapable because man cannot do the works of Jesus."
- 11) They never questioned that they could operate by God's power, not having to rely on their own abilities.
- 12) They came to the conclusion that they SHOULD have been able to cast out the devil and heal the boy and that the problem was with them, no one else.

The church today has completely missed this message.

- A. Instead of reasoning it out among themselves or consulting with their religious leaders, the disciples went to Jesus to find out what had gone wrong.
- B. Jesus did not tell them the problem was a lack of faith on the part of the dad and his son. He told them they weren't able to cast the devil out and get the boy healed because of their unbelief.
- C. The disciples prayed, declared and confessed in faith for the boy's deliverance and healing. No doubt they probably used Jesus' Name.
- D. Jesus revealed that in this situation, they had a greater level of unbelief than they did of faith.
- E. If the disciples had known they had unbelief for this kind of deliverance and healing, they would never have asked Jesus why they had been unsuccessful.

*"Well, yes, but those men were the Apostles."*

- 1) Remember, the disciples in Matt 17 were not born again, let alone filled with the Holy Spirit.

- 2) Are you saying that Christians should be less capable than that of the spiritually lost disciples?
- 3) Are you saying that the spiritually lost disciples had a capacity for more faith than Christians?
- 4) You're focusing on Apostles; but what about the 70 in Luke 10:1-17 who cast devils out and got people healed? There is no record in scripture that they were Apostles.
- 5) If the expectation of the spiritually lost disciples was that they should have been able to get the boy delivered and healed, how much more should be the expectation be of those who are washed in the blood of Jesus and born of God's very Spirit?

Jesus told the disciples their unbelief was the hindrance. If unbelief was the problem then, would it not be the problem now? Just because we're born again does not mean we automatically have the faith necessary and developed for each and every situation. When we pray for a healing or a deliverance, it is always in faith. When we don't see results, it isn't that we aren't praying in faith but that our faith is not at the level necessary to see results in a given situation.

"Unbelief is the natural state of man." (Holy Spirit to Gary Carpenter)

Unbelief hindered that boys deliverance and healing. Jesus revealed that prayer and fasting addresses the unbelief so that deliverance and healing can manifest in the most challenging situations. We are the ones praying and fasting, not God. So again, it comes back to US ministering the healing and deliverance.

Matt 17:20

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Matt 17:19-21 Jesus draws a specific and direct connection between deliverance and healing with prayer and fasting. We cannot explain the "spiritual biometrics" of how prayer and fasting, along with worship and the Word, impacts the growth of faith, but it works.

*"All it takes is a little mustard-see sized faith to get the job done," or "All you need is a little faith and a big God."* But Jesus had a vastly different perspective of little faith. Matt 6:24-30, 8:23-27, 14:22-31, 16:5-12, Luke 12:22-31. Jesus never commended little faith, neither did He imply it would get the job done. In fact, He identified "little faith" as being severely detrimental to getting the job done.

The manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit is NOT evidence of the kind of faith walk that is our potential as Believers.

Mark 4:3-4...14...26-32 The seed alone cannot produce fruit. It must be planted, nourished and watered. Then there must be patience for the development. This is where prayer, fasting, worship and the Word are involved.

Mark 4:13-20 Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). The Word is sown and part of its purpose is to cause faith to come. But if the Word is neutralized by v15-19 events, then faith will not come as we hope. This explains why many Christians do not believe the "faith message" is genuine: the Word they sow gets neutralized. When Satan comes to steal the Word, he is trying, in part, to stop us in the area of faith so we cannot do the works of Jesus. In Matt 17:14-21 there was a deliverance and a healing, then a teaching about mustard seed faith. In Luke 13:10-21 there is another occurrence of the same. The ruler of the synagogue showed NO concern for the lady, only anger because his religious traditions and teachings had been contradicted. The ruler (pastor) was upset because his theology was being proven wrong. He acted like she could have been healed if she had come to him on the other six days. No doubt this was news to her because she had been like that 18 years. Why hadn't he said anything before now? (1 Cor 4:18-21). The people would have been shocked at Jesus' reply to their ruler (pastor). Imagine that happening in a church today; what makes us think it should not be happening? The problem is, to few of us are walking in enough faith to get such a woman healed.

In Mark 4:30-32 and Luke 13:19 the seed grows until it is greater than everything else in the garden. In Matt 17 and Luke 13 Jesus uses the mustard seed to illustrate the development of faith and the results it can produce.

Luke 13:21 The leaven represents the Word of God and His Kingdom. The three measures of meal represent our, spirit, soul, body. Working the leaven into the whole represents the very essence of God's Word, our new nature and the Kingdom of God dominating our whole being, body, soul and spirit. It results in unbelief we didn't know we had being displaced and faith dominating our life. Prayer, fasting, worship and the Word deal with what we know should be changed. But it focuses intently on and attacks the things we do not recognize as a problem and needing to be changed or eliminated.

"The flesh is a terrorist that refuses to negotiate in truth, hides in the caverns of your soul, will call a truce only on its terms, wants to dominate everything you do, fights relentlessly to win every battle, and has no knowledge of the Geneva Convention." (2014-10-17)

*"Maybe 3 weeks of series fasting opened rooms of rebellion in my soul that 10 years of praying in tongues never opened..." Gary Carpenter 2002-6-2*