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When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

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. (Mk9:14-21)

Boy

- Demon Possessed
- Mute (No Voice)
- Seizures
- Throw himself into water and fire
- Suffering for Years
- Needed Help/Healing
- Came to the Disciples
- Then came to Jesus (Demon Response)

Satan Knows Your Power! (Faith)

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Are You a Threat to Satan?

Do you have a immediate
reaction to Spiritual People
or God's Word?

Signs of Satan's spirit!

- Are you Muted? (Speaking out/Sharing Faith)
- The Word or Spiritual People (Impulsive Reaction)
- Do you get Rigid?
- Avoidance (Fellowship)
- Excuses (Tired, Busy, Watch online, I'll talk to them later, foam)
- Defensive/Intimidate/Anger
- Proudful
- Create Lies and Accusations about a Spiritual Person
- Apprehensive
- Does Satan sees a threat in you?
- Satan will do anything to you to stop you going to Jesus/Word!
- Use other people (Friends and Family)
- Shallowness (No threat)

Evil People and Faithlessness?

And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance (2 The 3:2-5)

Disciples

“For the One who Believes”

Equipped by Christ

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

(Mark 6:12-13)

Disciples

- Arguing/Debating
- Unbelieving
- Seen God's Power
- Fully Equipped
- Didn't use all Gifts
- Talking and no Praying (infighting)
- Frustrated Jesus v24
- Lacking Faith

What Brings Doubt/Faithlessness!

- Past Failures
- Past Hurts
- God not answering my Prayers
- Kids/Spouse not believing
- Lack of Growth
- Not Seeing God in my Life
- Years of the Mundane
- Distracted by the Insignificant (Job, School, Life)
- Do I need God in my Life?
- Do something that requires faith? (Risk)

Miracles and Stress

“Each moment of worry, anxiety or stress represents lack of faith in miracles, for they never cease.”

T.F. Hodge

Dad

“For the One who
Believes”

Dad

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "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."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Dad

- Son had this condition for several years
- Couldn't speak but see the pain/torment
- Son covered in burns and scars
- Worn out by witch doctors?
- Took him to Jesus' disciples/teachers of the law
- Deflated by the Disciples (Ed)
- Determined to see son healed
- Honest with Jesus v24
- Real but not Religious
- Fought his unbelief (Resilient)
- We all have unbelief but don't give in to it!

“I do Believe, help me overcome
my Unbelief”

I believe but.....!

I believe

- God Created Universe
- Mat 18- Go and Reconcile
- God cares/He's There for me
- Harvest is plentiful
- I must be Merciful as God is
- Watch your life and doctrine
- God is all Powerful
- God Raised Jesus

My Unbelief

- But I'm Anxious about my Life
- But I'm avoiding/Can't Forgive
- But I feel alone
- But I see no-one open/study
- But he/she has done it this time
- But I don't know/study the Bible
- But I feel powerless/ineffective
- But I don't believe in miracles

I must Fight my Unbelief!

We are demolishing arguments and ideas, every high-and-mighty philosophy that pits itself against the knowledge of the one true God. We are taking prisoners of every thought, every emotion, and subduing them into obedience to the Anointed One.
(2 Cor 10:5)Voice

Fight with faith for your Miracle!

"Thankfully, God gives us a miracle like Jericho from time to time, but far more often, he asks us to strap on our swords, pick up our shields, and courageously enter the battle...When this happens we see a miracle there too--the miracle of men and women staying faithful to God in the midst of conflict in their lives."

Scott Wilson, The Next Level, 75

The Secret to Miracles

“For some of us, the greatest miracle of all would be to believe in miracles. Conversely, the greatest tragedy of all would be to believe that you can’t believe.”

— Craig D. Lounsborough

Prayer and Miracles

Mark 9:24-29

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When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

What should Normal be in the Church?

“Maybe our normal is so subnormal that normal seems abnormal. Maybe we need a new normal.

Bold prayers and big dreams are normal.

Anything less is subnormal. And when bold prayers become the norm, so do the miraculous breakthroughs that follow.”

— Mark Batterson,

Church: The home of the Prayerful and Faithful

Subnormal (Humanism)

- Little Prayer
- Little Faith
- See no miracles
- Talking/Argue/Critical
- Living the Mundane
- Little Growth
- No Personal Ministry
- Just Church
- Stress pushes out God

Normal (Faithful/Church)

- Bold Prayers
- Fight for Faith/Confront
- Seeing Miracles
- More Prayer less Talk
- Invigorating Spiritual Life
- Growing/Changing
- Looking for Miracles
- 7 Days of Miracles
- Faith/Prayer let's God in

Miracles and Prayer (Helen)

Prayer works on our negative, doubting, critical, apathetic sinful attitudes and behaviors. It transforms such harmful attitudes and behaviors into a joyful, loving, caring Christian community. So as Paul would say, never underestimate the power of your prayers—God works miracles through them.

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Bold and Passionate Prayers

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Heb 5:7

I can be like Never Before!

“Have Faith like never before. This is a time for miracles you have never seen before. But to unlock those miracles, you need faith and prayer like never before.”

— Gift Gugu Mona

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Expect

‘Expect a miracle every day,
Expect a miracle when you pray,
If you expect it God will find a way,
To perform a miracle for you each day.’
(Oral Roberts)