
Insufficiency and Faith
Mark 9:9–29
July 6, 2014

Introduction:

- I. Doesn't Elijah come first? Mark 9:9–13; Malachi 4:5–6

- II. The inadequacy of the disciples. Mark 9:14–20

- III. In this time belief and unbelief often mixed. Mark 9:21–27

- IV. The need to draw near to God in prayer. Mark 9:28–29

Questions for Reflection:

- *Why are the disciples slow to grasp that the Messiah must suffer and die?
Why is this so hard to believe?*
 - *Apart from Jesus, the disciples are unable to solve the problem of the demon possessed boy.
When your personal or family problems seem insurmountable, where do you turn for help?*
 - *How does the father of the demon possessed boy illustrate the idea that it isn't the certitude of
your faith that matters as much as it is the object of your faith?*
 - *What does Jesus say here about the importance of prayer?
What is the one thing that you can do to make prayer a daily habit in your life?*
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