

A RESPONSIBLE FAITH PART 3: FAITH AND DOUBT

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"... Don't be afraid; just believe."

Mark 5:36 (NIV)

FAITH DEFINED
Faith is a _____ . Faith is more than _____, it requires _____ with that faith, in _____ of my life.

THINGS I SOMETIMES DOUBT

"The next day, after they had come down the mountain, a huge crowd met Jesus ... At the foot of the mountain they found a great crowd surrounding the other disciples, as some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. The crowd watched Jesus in awe as He came toward them, and then they ran to greet Him. "What is all this arguing about?" He asked."

Luke 9:37; Mark 9:14-16 (NLT)

"A man in the crowd called out to Him, "Teacher, look at my boy, who is my only son. An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It is always hitting and injuring him. It hardly ever leaves him alone. I begged your disciples to cast the spirit out, but they couldn't do it."

Luke 9:38-40 (NLT)

"Jesus replied, "You stubborn, faithless people! How long must I be with you until you believe? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me."

Matthew 17:17 (NLT)

"So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground writhing and foaming at the mouth. "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was very small. The evil spirit often makes him fall into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us. Do something if you can."

Mark 9:20-22 (NLT)

“What do you mean, “if I can?” Jesus asked. “Any thing is possible if a person believes.” The father replied, “I do believe, but help me not to doubt!”

Mark 9:23-24 (NLT)

“When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, He rebuked the evil spirit. “Spirit of deafness and muteness,” He said, “I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!” Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy lay there motionless, and he appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd, “He’s dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.”

Mark 9:25-27 (NLT)

1. THE _____ OF GOD.

“God showed us how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.” I John 4:9 (NLT)

- **But then I remember that God _____**
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2. THE _____ OF GOD.

“This is real love – not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” I John 4:10 (NLT)

- **But then I remember that Christ _____**
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3. THE _____ OF GOD

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heaven realms.”

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

- **But then I remember that Christ _____**
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