

Doubting God Will Do It for Me

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17 One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. 18 And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it…" 21 "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. 22 The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." 23 "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." 24 The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:17-18, 21-24 NLT

1. Reasons we doubt God

- · God doesn't do what we would do
- We've tried things that didn't work
- We are affected by the doubts of others

2. Increasing your faith

- Be honest about your faith struggles
- Act on the faith you have

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

James 2:26 NLT

¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

Daniel 3:17-18 NLT

Next Steps:

Step out in faith and obey God:

Commit to read the Bible daily since hearing God's Word builds up my faith

Read Mark 9:14-29 and/or Daniel 3 this week

Attend the final message of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)