

Sermon Notes

A YUGO Prayer
Mark 9:14-29
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1. Authentic prayer can often follow the acronym:

A Adoration
C Confession
T Thanksgiving
S Supplication

2. Authentic prayer is God-centered, God-reliant prayer (Mark 9:14–26).
3. Authentic prayer is a sincere — sometimes even a YUGO — but it seeks to muster as much faith as possible (Mark 9:14–26).
4. Authentic prayer aims at “righteous person” prayer (James 5:16) — but sometimes all that can be mustered is a YUGO. Let the YUGO prayer fly! Remember, the true power for miracles does not ultimately lay within a “righteous person”, — true miracles come from God. Let the YUGO prayer fly!

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CONNECT:

- What is your "prayer personality?" Long or short prayer? Loud or quiet?
- Do you have any barriers to consistent prayer? What are they?

GROW:

- Read Mark 9:2-13. What is happening? How were Peter, James and John probably feeling?
- Read Mark 9:14-19. Peter, James and John didn't get a lot of time to stay in their literal mountaintop experience.
 - Has this ever happened to you? How can we keep what we learn on the mountain front and center in our lives?
- Read Mark 9:20-29. Have you ever prayed a prayer that resembles the father's prayer in verse 22? What were the circumstances?
- Mark 9:29 tells us how important prayer is to our ministry to others. Have you ever served others without prioritizing prayer? How has prayer made a difference in the way you minister to others?

GO:

- You can participate in active ministry without being on a church staff or a formal missionary. Where can you make an impact for Christ in your life? How can active prayer be a part of it?