



# Jubilee

a season of renewal

**“Our Situationship with Faith”**  
**Mark 9:14-29**



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## I. Faith is not foundationless.

### A. The father brought his son to the disciples to be healed, but they could not do it.

1. The father had a measure of faith due to some past proof that the disciples could heal his son.
2. The disciples had a measure of faith due to some past experiences of being able to cast out demons.

#### a) Mark 3:14-15

*And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.*

#### b) Mark 6:12-13

*So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.*

### B. Our faith is built on a multilayer foundation.

1. Nowhere in Scripture do we find the expectation for people to have faith in God without supporting evidence.
2. Neither are we to have an *ex nihilo* faith.

#### a) **Our faith is built on the Word of God.**

##### - Romans 10:17

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

#### b) **Our faith is built on the works of God.**

##### - Romans 1:18-20

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

c) **Our faith is built on the witness of others.**

- Hebrews 13:7

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God.*

*Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

C. **The seeds for the kind of faith that we are called to have are already planted in our lives.**

**II. A lack of faith is a trait of both the unbeliever and the believer.**

A. When Jesus came to the gathering and heard what was going on, He rebuked them for their lack of faith.

1. The rebuke seems to have been directed at the crowd.

2. The rebuke was also directed at the disciples.

B. We expect unbelievers to lack faith.

C. Unbelief to some degree is present in the life of most believers as well.

**III. We have to honestly assess our faith.**

A. The father broke down and admitted that his faith was insufficient.

B. If we are serious about renewal and our walk with Christ, we have to have an honest assessment of our faith.

C. Is your faith at a level that is satisfactory to God?

1. Faith isn't just believing that God can or will act; it is trusting Him to act, and believing that even if it is not in the way we expected or wanted, it is what is best.

2. Luke 17:5

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

**IV. The strength of our faith is a direct result of our relationship with God.**

A. Jesus told the disciples that the reason they could not cast the demon out was because of an insufficient prayer life.

B. Our faith cannot grow beyond the strength of our personal relationship with God.

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