I. THE NEED.

A. This boy had seizures--9:17-18 & 20-22.

B. His disciples were unable to heal the boy.
   1. They had already been given authority--Mark 6:7 and 13.
   2. Jesus’ response was one of frustration--9:19.

C. The father’s faith was lacking--9:22b-24.

D. Jesus healed the boy--9:25-29.

II. THE APPLICATION.

A. The misapplication of verse 23.
   1. Taking verse 23 out of context.
   2. What is the context of scripture?

B. What is the necessary context-- 1 John 5:14-15.
   1. Two examples of faith being tempered by God’s Will
      a. Jesus--Mark 14:35-36.
   2. Point: God’s will always trumps our faith.

   3. Three important takeaways:
      a. Faith is always important--Heb. 11:6; Matt. 9:22 and Matt. 9:29.
      b. Prayer is important--Mark 9:24.
      c. Faith can be increased--Mark 9:24.