

TALK IT OVER

Believing for More

BOTTOM LINE

Everything God asks is possible for the one who believes.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one thing you learned in your childhood that is useful in your faith and life now?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Ephesians 3:20-21](#) with Miles McPherson (1½ min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

"How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father.

He replied, "Since he was a little boy. 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."

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:21-24 NLT

Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that evil spirit?" Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer." (Some manuscripts say "and fasting.") Mark 9:28-29 NLT

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Ephesians 3:20-21 MSG

"Many of us live between belief and doubt. God can work with that. God doesn't need perfect faith. He just needs honest faith." – Dwight Mason

"Your view of God is the most important things about you." – A. W. Tozer
"So the question is not 'Who am I?' but 'Who is God?'" – Dwight Mason

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When Jesus talked to the father in Mark 9, He immediately confronted his limiting beliefs. **Confronting your limiting beliefs** is transformational. What is a limiting belief that you have inherited or has come from an experience? Limiting belief says, "I can't handle this," but empowering faith says, "I can grow." Where has empowering belief transformed something in your life? **Trust God for the impossible.** Cooperating with God instead of controlling stretches us and positions us for a miracle. How do you recognize when you are controlling? How do you try to fool yourself? What does it look like to cooperate with God? **Believe beyond your own resources.** Prayer and fasting take us to an intimacy with God that realizes HE is big enough to enable what He calls us to do. How is self-reliance an issue for you? How do you encourage faith beyond yourself? Has God come through here before? Share. **You must be truthful.** God doesn't want us to hide our doubt. He wants honesty. What person (Bible or otherwise) inspires you to believe that God will meet you where you are and grow you for a greater, deeper faith?

ACTION STEP

I will confront the story I tell myself that keeps me from moving forward in faith. I will choose to trust God, acting in faith: _____