

**Mark 9:14-29****FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) God extends opportunities all the time and invites us to join Him in His work (2 Corinthians 5:15).
- 2) A skeptic is produced by a lifetime of situations that fail to meet expectations and a misunderstanding of God's activities.
- 3) *9:18* The disciples had the promise and they had the power, but they did not appropriate it.
- 4) *9:19* We forget how patient God has to be, especially with His own.
- 5) *9:19* In a crucial moment the disciples failed, not because of a lack of God's power, but because of a lack of trusting God.
- 6) *9:20* In addition to all the incredible complications of this scene, spiritual warfare reared its ugly head.
- 7) *9:20* This fallen angel at one time stood in Heaven in the presence of the King. He saw Jesus on earth and knew whom he was up against.
- 8) *9:21* The length and severity of the boy's possession made it clear to all that this was not a temporary illness. The healing could only be interpreted as a miracle.
- 9) *9:22* The disciples' inability to help the boy had a direct bearing on his father's faith in Jesus to save.
- 10) *9:23* The real question Jesus asked was, "Do you have the capacity to believe God to do what only God can do according to His purposes?"
- 11) *9:26-27* A lifetime of being crushed and left for dead by Satan was reversed by the touch of the King.
- 12) *9:29* Nothing is impossible; but anything is only possible within the framework of God's will.

13) *9:28-29* The fallen angel was quick to discern the lack of spiritual power in the disciples.

14) Poorly prepared believers bear responsibility in other people becoming spiritual skeptics.

**Key Points:**

- God is always at work around you.
- God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
- God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
- You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
- You will come to know God through these experiences as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

**GREEK WORDS**

Ekthambeo—to astonish

Diastrepho (dee-as-tref'-o)—to distort, misinterpret, or (moral) corrupt

Apollumi—to destroy fully (to perish), die

Boëtheō—help; to run to the cry” of those in danger; run toward

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