

## Sermon: Except by Prayer

Text: Mark 9:14-29 NASB

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<sup>14</sup> And when they came *back* to the *other* disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and *some* scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and *began* running up to greet Him. <sup>16</sup> And He asked them, “What are you disputing with them?” <sup>17</sup> And one *person* from the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, because he has a spirit *that makes him* unable to speak; <sup>18</sup> and <sup>18</sup> whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground, and he foams *at the mouth* and grinds his teeth and becomes stiff. And I told Your disciples so that they would cast it out, but they could not *do it.*” <sup>19</sup> And He answered them and *said*, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!” <sup>20</sup> And they brought <sup>20</sup> the boy to Him. When he saw Him, the spirit immediately threw him into convulsions, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling around and foaming *at the mouth.* <sup>21</sup> And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup> It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” <sup>23</sup> But Jesus said to him, ““If You can?” All things are possible for the one who

believes.” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was <sup>25</sup> rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I <sup>25</sup> command you, come out of him and do not enter him <sup>25</sup> again!” <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most of *them* said, “He is dead!” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him, and he got up. <sup>28</sup> When He came into *the* house, His disciples *began* asking Him privately, “*Why is it* that we could not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup> And He said to them, “This kind cannot come out by anything except prayer.”

### Footnotes

- a. [Mark 9:18](#) Or *wherever*
  - b. [Mark 9:20](#) Lit *him*
  - c. [Mark 9:25](#) Lit *running together*
  - d. [Mark 9:25](#) Or *Myself command*
  - e. [Mark 9:25](#) Or *from now on*
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