

**Decisive Prayer**  
**Mark 9:14-29**

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**I. Jesus On The Scene. Mark 9:14-16**

Jesus knew what He was \_\_\_\_\_ to, and came back to be about the work of the ministry.

It is important that when we serve the Lord, we strive to do so with a pure heart and pure \_\_\_\_\_ to please the Lord and not men.

**II. The Disciples Failure. Mark 9:17-18**

It is awesome to see that even in the midst of this dispute the people are \_\_\_\_\_ to see Jesus and run to Him.

**III. O Faithless Generation. Mark 9:19-20**

"After all the time they had spent with Him, such a lack of trust was \_\_\_\_\_." (MacArthur)

"How often He must be grieved with us when we fail to use the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ He has graciously given to His people!" (Wiersbe)

**IV. If You Can Believe. Mark 9:21-27**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ miracles Christ performed reveal the compassion of God and that He cares about human pain and suffering." (MacArthur)

- John MacArthur points to a lesson Jesus is teaching: "The lesson that faith is \_\_\_\_\_ to access the power of God applied to all the unbelieving crowd, the father, and the disciples, whose faith was weak and wavering."

- Jesus not only showed his power over this spirit, but He showed His \_\_\_\_\_ in how He dealt with the boy.

**V. Decisive Prayer. Mark 9:28-29**

It isn't that you get superpowers when you pray or fast, but taking care of your spiritual walk \_\_\_\_\_ you for the battles that you face.

"Complacency is the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual power, and prayer is the discipline that reminds believers of their dependency." (Jeremiah)

**Small Group Discussion**

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 9:14-16**. Discuss the difference between serving the Lord in the flesh and serving Him in the spirit. *How do we make sure we are serving with the right motivation?*  
**Galatians 6:8**
2. Read **Mark 9:17-18**. *Why do you think the disciples were embarrassed to answer Jesus?*
3. Read **Mark 9:19-20**. *How are we at times like the disciples? In what ways can you be using the resources at your disposal to serve the kingdom?*  
**2 Corinthians 5:20**
4. Read **Mark 9:21-27**. *Why do you think that the father's faith had wavered? In performing this miracle Jesus showed His compassion. How have you seen this played out in your life?*  
**John 16:33, 1 Peter 5:7**
5. Read **Mark 9:28-29**. Take a look at your personal walk. *Are you currently living a lifestyle of prayer? How can you ensure you are prepared for the spiritual battles in your life?*

