

“WHEN FAITH FEELS DIFFICULT”

More Faith. More Hope. More Love.- Part 1

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Revelation 22:20 — So, Lord Jesus, please come soon! (CEV)

Mark 9:14-22 ¹⁴ When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them.

¹⁵ When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him.

¹⁶ “What is all this arguing about?” Jesus asked.

¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk.

¹⁸ And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn’t do it.”

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

²⁰ So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

²¹ “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father.

He replied, “Since he was a little boy.

²² 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.” (NLT)

How can we keep trusting God when life makes faith difficult?

1. Keep Bringing Your Burdens to Jesus

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. (NLT)

Mark 9:24 The father instantly cried out, I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief! (NLT)

2. Keep Bringing Your Doubts to Jesus.

Mark 9:22-24 ²² 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.”

²³ “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”

²⁴ The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!” (NLT)

Psalm 62:8 O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge. (NLT)

Strong faith isn't faith that never struggles.

Strong faith is faith that keeps bringing those struggles to Jesus.

3. Keep Trusting the One Who Is Worthy of Your Faith.

2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. (NLT)

Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." (NLT)

Our faith is not that God will always give us the outcome we want.

Our faith is that God will always do what His perfect wisdom knows is best.

Isaiah 26:3-4 ³ You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!

⁴ Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock."
(NLT)

Our confidence should never be in the strength of our faith.

Our confidence should always be in the strength of our Savior!

Mark 9:24 I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"
(NLT)

Faith doesn't hide its questions.

Faith brings its questions to Jesus.

Faith grows, not because we keep looking at our faith,
but because we keep looking at our Savior.