

SERMON NOTES: May 24, 2026

FAITH in a FRACTURED WORLD

Matthew 17:14-21

I. Faith in the face of FRACTURED - 17:14-15

II. FAILURE in the space of FAITH - 17:16-17

I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.” - 17:16

III. FOUNDATIONS for living by FAITH - 17:18-21

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith:” - 17:19-20a

Life Group Study Questions

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1. The world we are living in is very broken. Describe something from your own life or experience that supports this statement.

2. The father who approaches Jesus is both desperate and devastated by the circumstances of his son. Have you ever experienced something similar? What was (is) that like?

3. The presence of demonic activity in this situation is real. How does this passage remind us that much of the suffering in this world is demonically enhanced? How does Christ's pattern of healing help us understand that not every illness is demonic?

4. How does the disciples' failure to heal the boy expose their disconnection from Christ, the true source of power?

5. Jesus rebukes the disciples and the crowd for unbelief and perverted thinking. What is the connection between unbelief and perverted thinking?

6. Our faith is founded upon the truth that Christ is sufficient for all of our obstacles. How does Jesus demonstrate that as He heals the boy?

7. The biggest issue in our lives is the condition of our faith. Is it little, or is it growing? What does little faith look like? What does growing faith look like?

8. Mustard-seed faith grows by tenaciously trusting God over time. In this passage, what evidence do we see of mustard-seed faith that can move mountains and overcome the impossible?

9. Prayer is the proof of faith. How is your prayer life?