

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you found yourself with a desperate need and went to Jesus for help.
  
2. The father told Jesus, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” How can belief and unbelief co-exist within the same person?
  
3. Read the following passages and note what Jesus says about faith and doubt:
  - a) Proverbs 3:5-8
  - b) Isaiah 41:10
  - c) Jeremiah 29:11-13
  - d) Romans 10:17
  - e) Hebrews 11:1
  - f) Hebrews 11:6
  - g) James 1:5-8
  
4. Why did the disciples have difficulty casting out the demon even though they had previously been given the power to do it?
  
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to intercede in prayer every day this week for someone who is going through a difficult time.
  - I am going to encourage someone who is going through a difficult time who is struggling to trust God in their situation.
  - I am going to memorize Hebrews 11:1.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 9:37-45

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Study Series #044

## ***A Father’s Honest Struggle with Faith***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. Faith and Doubt

#### B. From the Mountaintop to the Valley

(See Luke 9:37; Matthew 17:14; Mark 9:14-15; I Kings 20:23; I Kings 20:28)

### **II. A Father’s Honest Struggle with Faith**

#### A. The Request of the Father

(See Luke 9:38-40; Matthew 17:15-16; Mark 9:16-18; Luke 7:12; Luke 8:42; Matthew 10:1; Mark 6:7; Luke 9:1; Matthew 17:19-20; Mark 9:29)

#### B. The Rebuke of Jesus

(See Luke 9:41; Matthew 17:17-18; Mark 9:19; Numbers 14:11; Deuteronomy 32:5; Deuteronomy 32:20)

### C. The Retaliation of the Demon

(See Luke 9:42; Matthew 17:18; Mark 9:20-22)

### D. The Remorse of the Father

(See Mark 9:21-24; Jeremiah 32:17; Luke 1:37; Isaiah 42:3; Matthew 12:20)

### E. The Response of the Crowd

(See Mark 9:26-27; Luke 9:43)

### F. The Reminder of Jesus

(See Luke 9:44-45; Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; John 12:31-32; Colossians 2:15; Luke 24:6-8)

## Passage of Study

### Luke 9:37-45

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Him. <sup>38</sup> And a man from the crowd shouted, saying, “Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only *boy*, <sup>39</sup> and a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming *at the mouth*; and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him *as it leaves*. <sup>40</sup> I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not.” <sup>41</sup> And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup> While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him *to the ground* and threw him into a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples, <sup>44</sup> “Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” <sup>45</sup> But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

## Parallel Passages of Study

### Matthew 17:14-23; Mark 9:14-32

## III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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