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Introduction:

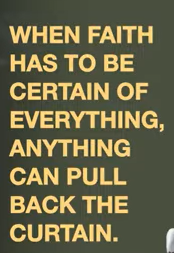
10:00/1:14:57

We have guest preacher, Scott Palmbush.

14:00/1:14:57

LOL: Lots Of Love from my father-in-law for 30 years vs. Laugh Out Loud for us. People misunderstand all the time.



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Today is my 1009th day in Menlo Church.



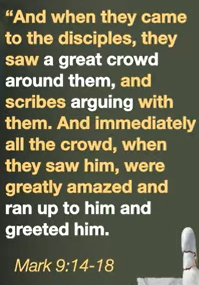
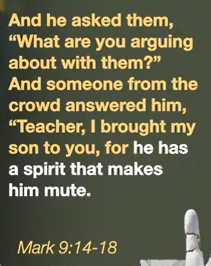
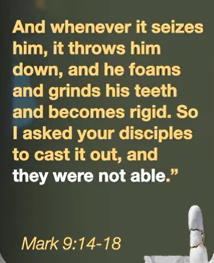
Resilient faith requires both your doubt and devotion.



Spiritual Static

"Spiritual static" refers to **interferences or hindrances in one's spiritual life**, analogous to the interference in a radio signal. It represents feelings of disconnect, doubt, or a general sense of "noise" that obscures spiritual clarity, making it difficult to hear or feel a connection to God or one's own spiritual truth. These hindrances can stem from external distractions, such as certain people, places, or activities, or internal struggles like negative self-talk or mundane routines.

20:00/1:14:57

Mark 9:14-18:

**Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit**

**14**When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. **15**As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

**16**“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

**17**A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. **18**Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

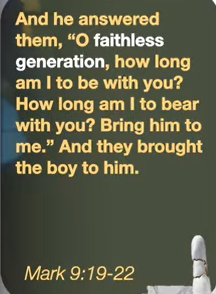
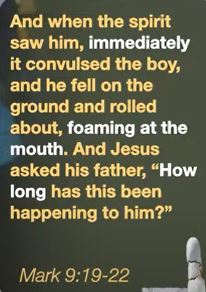
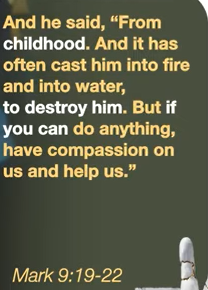
Mark 9:14-18: the failure of Jesus's disciples due to a lack of faith, which highlights the danger of self-reliance over dependence on God. The passage shows that while the disciples had previously cast out demons, they could not in this instance because they had lost faith and were relying on their own strength rather than God's power. The scene sets up Jesus's subsequent lesson that a lack of faith is the reason for their failure and that true power comes from God, not oneself.

27:00/1:14:57



“Pain Demands Devotion (奉献)”: Pain is a catalyst for faith and turn into a higher power.

27:51/1:12

Mark 9:19-22

**19**“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

**20**So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

**21**Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. **22**“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

The main point of Mark 9:19-22 is that faith is a necessary component for God's power to be effective, and even a small amount of faith, when combined with a willingness to seek help for doubt, can lead to a powerful response. In this passage, Jesus heals a boy from an unclean spirit after his father's desperate plea, which highlights the father's imperfect but sincere faith and Jesus's divine power to accomplish the impossible when belief is present.

32:37/1:14:57

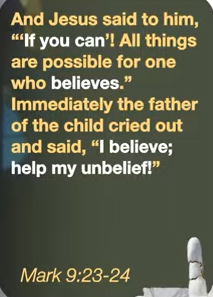


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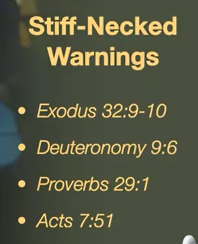
Disclosed doubt invites divine power

The main point is that openly confronting doubt, rather than hiding it, can be a catalyst for spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with the divine, as it often leads to a more profound understanding and a stronger, refined faith.



Mark 9:23-24

The main point of Mark 9:23-24 is that **faith, even imperfect faith mixed with doubt, is powerful, and that a genuine desire to believe is enough to receive God's help**. Jesus states that "all things are possible for one who believes," and the father's honest cry, "I believe; help my unbelief!" shows that God responds to our willingness to trust, even when we struggle with doubt.



Exodus 32:9-10, Deuteronomy 9:6, Proverbs 29:1, Acts 7:51

The main point is that **God's people repeatedly rebelled against him, and their sin brought them to the brink of judgment, yet God is also merciful and relents from destruction when people repent or are interceded for**.



Faith in the Shadow: Finding Christ in the Midst of Doubt, Austin Fischer

Forward by Brian Zaknd



A set of Practice for Resilient Faith

a. Honest Prayer (daily), b. Shared grief/confusion (weekly), c. Peacemaking conversation (weekly), d. Dependence Fast/Focus on God (1-3 days)

The phrase "Practice for Resilient Faith" refers to a set of spiritual exercises designed to build endurance and strength in one's religious or spiritual beliefs, especially during difficult times. The list you provided specifies four key components of this practice.

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1. “When faith has to be certain of everything, anything can pull back the curtain”: When people’s faith built on certainty is fragile. People can lose faith by any doubt/challenge.

2. “Resilient (有弹性的) faith requires both doubt and devotion (奉献)”

3.  "Spiritual Static (精神静电干扰)": Spiritual life, like radio signal, very easy to be interfered.

4. Mark 9:14-18: Jesus's disciples lost faith and fail the true power comes from God.

5. “Pain Demands Devotion (奉献)”: Pain is a catalyst for faith and turn into a higher power.

6. Mark 9:19-22: faith and doubt are necessary component for God's power to be effective

7. The Greek word “Krino” means “to Judge”, “Diakrino” means “to Separate (doubt) judge”: Judge = Separate the doubt

8. Disclosed doubt invites divine power: “Open the doubt” is the catalyst for deep faith growth

9. Mark 9:23-24: imperfect faith mixed with doubt is powerful to receive God's help.

10. Exodus 32:9-10, Deuteronomy 9:6, Proverbs 29:1, Acts 7:51: God forgive people repeatedly rebelled Him.

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